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Heath speech makes it clear he plans to stay

Major speech to a party rally, Heath last night made it clear, Political Staff writes, that he is inclined not to bow to critics of leadership and intends to continue to head the Conservative when the inquest on the

Labour 'won by trickery'

Within his own party ranks for a philosophical switch to the right, Mr Heath struck close to the mark in his speech last night. He has chosen as the Conservative Party if it wants to resume power. His speech clearly was partly aimed at stiffening the resolve of those of his supporters who may be wavering in the heat of the leadership battle.

Search for Lord Lucan after body is found

Special squads of detectives were searching the West End of London last night for Lord Lucan, aged 39, after the death of his children's nurse and an attack on his estranged wife.

Hectic dealings push gold to a \$184 1/2 record

Gold continued to rise sharply in the London bullion market yesterday, closing at an all-time peak of \$184 1/2 an ounce. The metal price rose by \$6 1/2 on the day, following a rise of \$8 earlier in the week.

Second man dies after pub bomb explosion

A soldier died yesterday from injuries he received in the King's Arms public house bomb blast in Woolwich on Thursday night, in which a barman was killed instantly and 35 people were injured.



Covent Garden yesterday, when the market closed for the last time before moving to new premises at Nine Elms, Battersea.

Mr Vorster upsets Coloured leaders

From Michael Knipe Cape Town, Nov 8 Growing expectations of radical change in South Africa received a lead-down today. In an eagerly awaited speech in which an awaited development had been promised, Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, offered the political leaders of the Republic's two million Coloured people what he described as 'Cabinet status.'

The offer is regarded, however, as nothing more than a sop to the increasingly strident political aspirations of the Coloureds and has been received with general disappointment. Opening a session of the Coloured Representative Council, an advisory body, Mr Vorster said the time was ripe to make the council's executive body a collective Cabinet council which he said would function under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and would have in addition to its Coloured members an equal number of white Cabinet ministers.

Mr Vorster made it clear there was no prospect of giving Coloured people representation in Parliament. He warned Coloured leaders against rejecting his offer, which he said might lead to clashes or confrontation to the detriment of all.

Mr Wilson for Washington

Washington, Nov 8.—Mr Wilson, the Prime Minister, is expected in Washington for his first official meeting with President Ford in early February, authoritative sources suggested today. He is also expected to visit Moscow soon afterwards.

Lawyer sees Nixon evasion

Real Emery Boston, Nov 8 The first criminal conviction arising out of Mr Nixon's underpayments of income tax was today pleaded guilty to a maximum sentence of 18 months in prison.

Mr Prentice attacks social pact 'cheats'

Trade unionists who strike for a settlement, higher, than the TUC social contract guidelines are guilty of cheating and breaking their word, Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

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NUM seeks 'no' vote

Miners voting on the coal board's productivity scheme next week will receive ballot forms recommending rejection of the proposals. But the wording is mild, reflecting divisions in the national executive of the National Union of Mineworkers, and avoids outright condemnation of the scheme, which the executive first accepted and then narrowly rejected.

Lever bank scheme

The setting-up of an investment bank to provide companies with medium-term finance is likely to be announced by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, during his Budget speech on Tuesday. The bank would be established on the lines first proposed by Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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HOME NEWS

Low-key NUM ballot form fights shy of condemning incentive scheme while calling for 'no' vote

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Miners voting on the National Coal Board's productivity scheme next week will receive a unenthusiastic recommendation to reject the offer, reflecting the political divisions inside the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Since the report of the national executive to a special conference in September, a draft proposed agreement (which had been widely circulated in readiness for the ballot which was postponed) has been further amended by the board in accordance with the national executive's proposals.

Howeve, the national executive recommends members to reject the amended scheme (copies of which have been circulated and details set out in The Miner).

Pickets in road broke law, judge decides

People who picket on the highway are breaking the law unless they are involved in a trade dispute, Mr Justice Forbes ruled in the High Court yesterday.

He granted orders preventing nine supporters of the Islington Tenants' Crusade from picketing the offices of Prebble and Company, a north London estate agents firm as a protest against redevelopment in the area.

Two firemen die in Chatham dock explosion

Two firemen were killed early yesterday in an explosion during a fire at Chatham oval dockyard. They were directing a hose on to burning foam mattresses.

Weather forecast and recordings

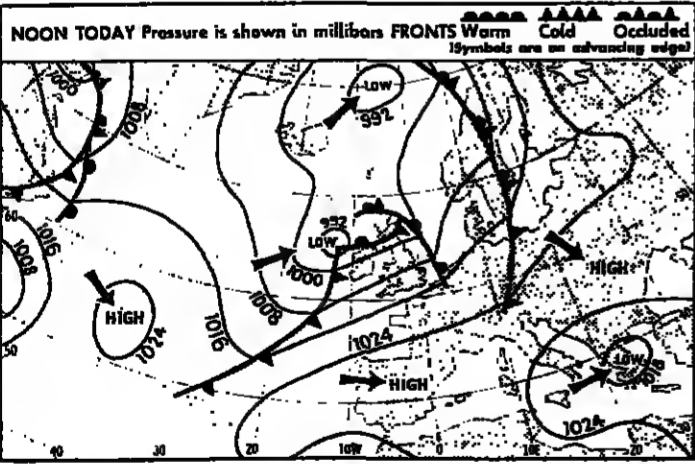


Table with weather forecasts for Today and Tomorrow, including sun rise, moon rises, and high/low water.

Table with weather reports for various locations including London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and others.

Clash after Catholic is shot dead by troops

From Christopher Walker Belfast

The atmosphere of tension between the Roman Catholic community and the British Army grew more serious yesterday after another controversial incident during which a Catholic man aged 28 was shot dead by troops as he was attempting to hijack a van, allegedly at gunpoint.

According to the Army, Mr Gerard Fennel failed to drop his gun after being twice challenged by soldiers based in an observation post on the strongly republican Twinbrook estate.

As a result, security forces throughout the province were braced last night for an increase in violence after another day of widespread protests for the death of Mr Coney, a lieutenant in the Provisional IRA.

In many republican areas there were demonstrations, strikes and riots and Belfast experienced its worst traffic chaos as a result of more than twenty bomb hoaxes.

NFU leader urges truce during beef crisis talks

Suspension of farmers' demonstrations over the beef crisis to enable talks to take place was called for yesterday by Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union.

Mr Freud answers votes allegation

The Director of Public Prosecutions is investigating an allegation that Mr Clement Freud, Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, was involved in a conspiracy to influence the result of the election without cancelling a proxy vote in another seat.

Correction

Mr Val May, director of the annual didactic in the past 12 years, is not retiring, as was stated in a report yesterday, but has asked to be released from his contract from next summer.



Lord and Lady Lucan: living apart for some time.

New study by church of divorcees' remarriage

By Clifford Longley The Church of England's agonizing over the remarriage of divorcees in church reached the end of a chapter yesterday when a motion to pass the controversy to the dioceses for discussion was defeated in a close vote in the General Synod.

Instead, a much more leisurely re-examination of the church's whole teaching on marriage will now be started, and the results are not expected for some years.

Kidneys 'taken from body without consent'

The kidneys of a man who died after a car crash were removed for a transplant operation without his consent, an inquest was told at Cambridge yesterday.

Mr Prentice condemns social pact 'cheats'

"I will fight within the Government to see that education does not have to bear an unfair burden. I am sure every local education committee will fight the same battle within its local authority. But we must certainly share in the overall sacrifices."

Coroner's officer cleared on two charges

Leonard Gay, a coroner's officer, who said he dealt with 500 deaths a year, was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday on charges of attempted corruption, involving an undertaker and a pathologist.

Judge Buzard directed that Mr Gay should be cleared on two charges of attempting to obtain £7.30 and £10.20 from Dr Terence Wickham, a pathologist. The prosecution had alleged that money was paid because Mr Gay engaged Dr Wickham to carry out post-mortem examinations.

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The public is to be invited to take shares in the pro Scottish Daily News, Prof Richard Briston, financial adviser to the action committee of former Glasgow paperworkers, said in Glasgow yesterday that the company planned to issue a prospectus later this month.

Farmer smashed window

Anthony John Brookshaw, aged 42, a farmer, of Elyton, near Wrexham, Clywd, who was said to have smashed a window at an Irish cattle importer's office at Birkenhead during a demonstration against the landing of cattle from the Republic of Ireland, was fined £5, plus £5 costs and compensation, at Bromborough Magistrates' Court, Cheshire, yesterday.

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Student plan for sit-in to back plea for more grants

The Committee of University Chancellors is asking the Government to ensure that student grants keep pace with the cost of living. The Government is reviewing grants in relation to the cost of living.

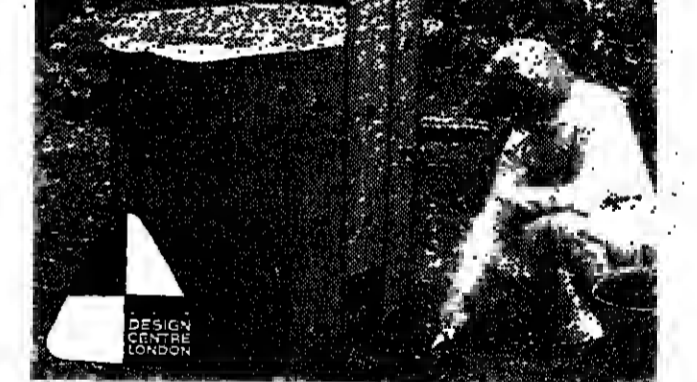
Mr John Randall, the university president, said: "This term have already seen a level almost unprecedented in 'colleges' against what has been done to the education system."

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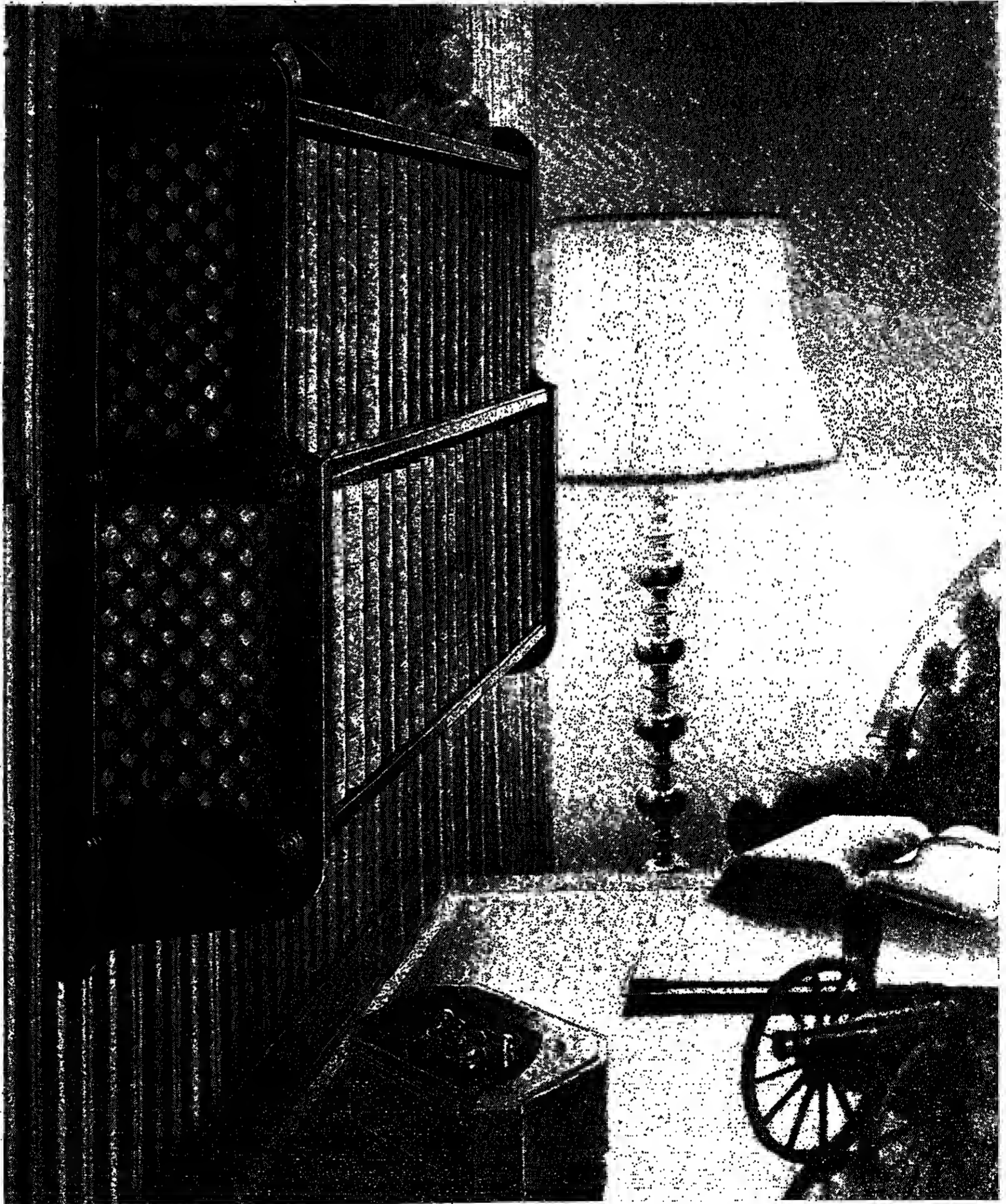
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Rising costs, however, make an increase inevitable, and the current price of £945 is guaranteed in the United Kingdom only until November 30, 1974 - the actual centenary of Sir Winston's birth.

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Please note that because of postal difficulties in central London applications should be directed to Sir Winston's former home at Chartwell, Kent.

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Mr Milhench, of Richmond Road, Wolverhampton, admitted eight charges, including forging a letter purporting to be from the Prime Minister and using it to try to get £25,000 from a newspaper.

Mr James Comyn, QC, counsel for Mr Milhench, disclosed that there was a political motive. Mr Milhench had decided to deal a "body blow" to Labour's chances in the approaching February election.

Mr Harry Skinner, QC, for the prosecution, told the court: "It is clear he is a man whose vanity and ambition far outweigh his intelligence and financial resources."

The eight charges Mr Milhench admitted covered forgery, deception and firearms offences, including having a Sten gun. Mr Skinner said Mr Milhench started several companies and went into property dealing, but in the form of Mr Wilson because he felt Labour's land nationalisation plans would jeopardize his investments.

His next public appearance is likely to be early in the new year when he will appear for his examination with a deficit in excess of £500,000. A former colleague and surveyor is also going bankrupt for £40,000.

Only last week he was travelling to Reading by train to say goodbye to relatives of his dead wife, Kathleen. To a woman in the restaurant he cheerfully acknowledged that he was not going abroad but to prison.

It was this sort of overweening self-esteem that initially led him to tilt at the Establishment

his companies had very few assets. Trying to get £10,000 from merchant bankers for a land deal at Ince-in-Makerfield, Wigan, Greater Manchester, he asked one of his company's auditors to say his income was at least £15,000 a year. Counsel added: "This was very cheeky and very brazen. At that time Mr Milhench's annual income was about £1,440.

Behind his office desk in Wolverhampton was a signed photograph of Mr Wilson and House of Commons pass. Early in 1973 Mr Milhench had twice met Mr Anthony Field, who was acting temporarily as Mr Wilson's private secretary.

Mr Milhench asked for a photograph of Mr Wilson and was given one from a stock of autographed copies. From then on he kept it behind his desk and hinted to staff and visitors that he had some connexion with Mr Wilson.

Mr Harry Longmuir, a Daily Mail journalist, had heard false rumours, started by Mr Milhench, that Mr Wilson was connected with the lace deal. Mr Skinner said Mr Milhench told him: "If I can prove a connexion with Mr Wilson and the lace it must surely be worth

£25,000 just before an election." When asked for proof, he said he had a signed letter on official notepaper. The journalist was sceptical and Mr Milhench told him: "It's £25,000 or nothing."

At that stage Mr Milhench did not have the forged letter, just a blank sheet of notepaper. The next day, at his wife's office, he typed it.

In any case, counsel added, it was not a good forgery. The signature, traced from the photograph with lavatory paper, bore all the marks of being forged.

Mr Justice Crichton said: "Thanks to the good sense of the journalists involved, your efforts were frustrated."

He jailed Mr Milhench for three years for forgery and deception and six months on firearms charges, to run concurrently. The seven charges Mr Milhench denied were allowed to lie on the file.

Mr Comyn said: "It is tragic that you have before you a man of good character who is highly intelligent and able, a man with drive and initiative who struck out to make a life of his own and began with hopes that he would succeed. Then instability and a lack of wisdom and led him to this foolish path of forgery."

Mrs Rose Kennedy in praise of politics

By Philip Howard The matriarch of the Kennedy family, America's nearest equivalent to a queen mother, arrived in London yesterday to promote her autobiography, Times Remembered.

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, who gives birth to potential presidents and manipulates politicians as easily as other women make beds, turned out to be a formidable little old lady with an avian nose and Boston vowels bubbling from beneath a large, bushy hairdo she had just bought in Paris.

The daughter of "Honey Fitz", widow of "Joseph P." and mother of John, Robert and Edward she broke the world record for stopping a pack of Fleet Street photographers in full cry from taking pictures.

She proceeded to answer all questions for 40 minutes with a crispness and political shrewdness that displayed her as a dominant if inconspicuous force to be reckoned with.

On her son Edward's presidential prospects, she said: "That is for him to decide, but I imagine he will eventually run, because he has great personal charisma."

On modern, permissive methods of bringing up children compared with the more strict system of discipline and extreme competition: "I am much older than Dr Spock, so I did not follow his advice. I do not think I pushed my children too hard. They enjoyed it. They were always doing things. We used to talk to them about national and international politics. If one was

stupid, he was just left in a corner. On the doom that has dogged her family's political activities as relentlessly as the Furies after the House of Atreus: "I would certainly advise any of my 28 grandchildren to go into politics. I am the daughter, wife, and mother of politicians. I regard it as the noblest of ambitions."

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Glasgow is back on the move from tonight

From Ronald Faux Glasgow The three-week-old unofficial strike by 3,200 public transport workers in Glasgow is to end tonight. From three minutes past midnight, normal late bus services are expected to operate from George Square, in the city centre, and underground services will be resumed tomorrow.

The decision came with a three-to-one vote at a mass meeting yesterday. The settlement is expected to add £1.3m to the city's annual wage bill.

Mr Larry Smith, passenger transport secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, recommended that the revised offer by Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Executive should be accepted and work should start immediately.

He said the settlement was not an increase in basic rates. The union was to start immediate negotiations on an eight-point plan headed by a demand for a 20 per cent pay increase. Although hourly paid bus and underground crews have not got the hoped for £5-a-week increase, any result from the new negotiations will be added to yesterday's settlement.

Mr Smith said: "Obviously there was a feeling today by many members that the offer did not measure up to what they expected, but in the interests of being able to negotiate a calmer atmosphere they agreed to go back to work."

The strike immobilized 900 buses and underground trains and forced thousands of people in Glasgow to walk to work. It was the longest dispute in the history of the service.

The new agreement raises the basic wage for the driver of a one-man bus from £31.49 to £39.75, and on a crew bus the driver's pay rises from £25.53 to £31.80 and the conductor's from £24.60 to £30.87.

Rolls-Royce workers vote to continue strike By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff The four-week old strike by 6,000 Rolls-Royce workers at three Scottish factories is to continue indefinitely. A meeting of the workers yesterday voted overwhelmingly to reject the advice of their official union leaders to return to work.

The stoppage has brought Rolls-Royce factories at East Kilbride, Blantyre and Hillingdon, Glasgow, to a standstill and supplies of vital aero-engine parts, including components for the RB211 being assembled at the company's English plants, have dried up.

Rolls-Royce is only one of a number of engineering industry firms and public services affected by the wave of unofficial stoppages in central Scotland. The Rolls-Royce workers are seeking a pay increase of £10 a week and consolidation of threshold payments. The present rate for top skilled engineers is £42.01, plus £3.20 threshold.

The company has said that it is willing to make a "substantial" offer to the men, which is understood to approach their claim in full, provided there is a return to work. But Mr George McCormack, engineering union convenor at Hillingdon plant and leader of the union negotiating team, said yesterday that the ball was now in the company's court.

"The company has been very hard-headed in its attitude; let it produce the offer it is biting at and then we will consider a return to work", he said.

Rolls-Royce workers had their last major pay increase only seven months ago. Yesterday's decision to continue the stoppage was taken in spite of an appeal from Mr John Boyd, the moderate Scottish representative on the engineering union national executive, to return to work so that pay talks could continue.

Supporters fined All 54 adult Cardiff City supporters who were arrested after the match with Bristol City at Ashton Gate in August were fined guilty by Bristol magistrates yesterday of threatening behaviour. Most of them were fined amounts varying from £50 to £100 and bound over for two years.

Starting handle murder John Garner, aged 22, a steel erector, was jailed at Bristol Crown court yesterday for life after admitting to the murder of David Walters, aged 23, a process engraver, both of Fishponds Road, Bristol. He was said to have battered Mr Walters, who owed him £5, to death with a starting handle.

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Mrs Rose Kennedy: "I would advise any of my 28 grandchildren to go into politics."

Easy test for buildings at risk

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent A simple test has been devised by the Building Research Establishment to check quickly whether buildings containing high-alumina cement structures could collapse.

Although extensive examinations were made of many buildings after the collapse of alumina cement roof beams schools in Camden and St. London, many other buildings which might be at risk have been investigated.

With conventional tests a sample is taken from a building and the ratio of alumina to calcium oxide determined by lengthy procedures using microscopes and X-ray equipment. The new method, using a simple apparatus, takes about 10 minutes. It needs a straightforward wet chemistry test.

In a bulletin sent to authorities by the Building Research Station, the scientists who designed the process described other observations for a preliminary check.

A good indication of deterioration can be obtained, they say, by breaking a chip of concrete from a structure and testing it for the presence of alumina. The test is simple and can be done on-site. The new method, using a simple apparatus, takes about 10 minutes. It needs a straightforward wet chemistry test.

Since special cements aggregates can also produce a similar reaction, the test is positive identification test.

Lecturers give ultimatum to sit-in students Unless students now accept the registry at Swansea University College end their sit-in quickly, lecturers will be giving lectures, tutorials, seminars and practicals from 8.30 am on Tuesday.

That was the decision of the meeting of the Association of University Teachers (AUT) yesterday to consider the latest stage of the protest by philosophy students against second-year examinations which they say are unnecessary.

Seventy students who Thursday night in sleeping in a college corridor and in the college canteen, and in the library, passed in a theque had also been arrested last night.

Professor Robert Steel, Principal, who with about other staff, has had to other accommodation, said: "I must emphasize that the sit-in of the philosophy students who have twice refused to examinations has been asked to leave the college."

"They have been given an opportunity to continue academic studies."

Topographical paintings attract overseas bids There was no shortage of interest from buyers from America, South Africa and Australasia in Christie's two-day sale of topographical pictures from those countries. The sale, which ended yesterday, totalled £93,446.

Although there were some bargains, this rather under-rated corner of the picture market proved for the most part to be healthy. A series of watercolours by Nicholas Chevalier and Sir Oswald Walters Brierley from an album recording the tour made by Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, to Australasia, India and the Pacific between 1868 and 1870, went particularly well.

The album came from the collection of the late Lady Patricia Ramsay and the pictures, sold individually, made a total of £10,344. Sketches of a performance of Still Waters Run Deep on board HMS Galatea by Chevalier sold for £1,890 to a private British buyer (estimate £210 to £315), and a Maori war dance, also by Chevalier, sold to Gamnot, another London buyer, for £1,575 (estimate £75 to £150).

Among the American pictures, the main attraction was a small, colour painting by Frederic Remond, The Winchesters. It shows a man taking aim with a gun across water, and was sold to the London art dealer, P. Dale, for £9,660 (estimate £10,500).

Concorde sets new civil Atlantic speed record By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent A Concorde supersonic airliner crossed the north Atlantic in two hours and 55 minutes on Thursday to establish a new civil air speed record, it was announced yesterday.

The aircraft, preproduction model 01, took off from British Aircraft Corporation's base at Fairford, Gloucestershire, and landed at Bangor, Maine, covering 3,270 miles. It reached a maximum speed of 1,350 mph. The previous record for a civil aircraft was set up by the Concorde 02 preproduction model earlier this year when it crossed Boston and London in three hours and 11 minutes.

The record for a civil aircraft crossing by any of aircraft was established September by a Lockheed Blackbird which flew from York to Farnborough in four and 55 minutes.

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Six men fined for killing a badger cub

From Our Correspondent Barrow Six men claimed at Ulverston Magistrates' Court, Lancashire, yesterday that the killing of a badger cub at Sparkbridge, near Ulverston, was an act of mercy. The men were before the court for killing a badger and having a recently killed badger in their possession on August 11. The proceedings were taken under the Badgers Act, 1973.

Thomas Dearden, aged 32, of Far Away, Witherlack, Ewan Coward, aged 35, of Carmel, Malcolm Johnson, aged 22, of Buxton Street, Barrow, Michael Clifton, of Brookside, Witherlack, Keith Wood, of the Beeches, Little Urswick, and Roy Edward Thomas, aged 28, also of The Beeches, Little Urswick, denied the charges. They were found guilty.

Five of the men were each fined £50. Mr Coward, who was said to have played little part in the event, was fined £10. For the second offence the measure received an absolute discharge.

Train fire raiser suffered from epilepsy A fire raiser on the last train to Eppingham, Surrey, was a trainee railway engineer and a model railway enthusiast. It was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

John Simon Patrick Mitchell, aged 19, of Elmfield, Bookham, Surrey, admitted six charges of arson and dangerous driving on lives of passengers on the 23.14 Waterloo to Eppingham Junction train in March, May and July this year. He was placed on probation for two years.

Sir Carl Aarvold, the recorder, said Mr Mitchell had put other passengers in appalling danger. The judge had been told that Mr Mitchell had been suffering from an epileptic condition which produced a twilight automatism, which was being controlled by drugs.

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Air crash captain's 'false statements'

From Alan McGregor, Solihull, Nov 8. Close questioning on the qualifications of the captain of a Vanguard aircraft which crashed in April last year killing 108 of the Britons on board marked the second day of an inquiry into the disaster here today. The inquiry had heard that Captain A. N. Dorman, one of the two pilots of the aircraft, had passed the instrument rating test only in the ninth attempt in January, 1971.



School bus deaths: Four West German children were killed yesterday when the bus taking them to school collided with a lorry and trailer near Bidingen, about 25 miles from Frankfurt. The lorry, in the foreground of the photograph, was carrying earth and the police said a slippery road caused it to swerve. The school bus, seen in the background, was packed with some 30 children at the time of the accident. Apart from those killed, six children were seriously injured and a number of others were slightly hurt. Slippery roads caused by fog and ice caused several other accidents in West Germany yesterday.

Complicity alleged between Italian train bombers and secret service

From Patricia Clough, Rome, Nov 8. Charges of complicity between the Italian secret service and fascist conspirators mounted today after a claim by Communist deputies that secret service members knew in advance about plans for the August 4 train bomb massacre. The explosion on board the Rome-Munich express just south of Bologna, killed 12 people and injured more than 50. The claim, which has extremely grave implications, was made in a parliamentary question tabled by four Communist deputies. They asked the justice and defence ministers to confirm that several citizens had informed police that one or two days before the train explosion they heard a young woman warning someone over a public telephone not to travel on the express because 'hombs are going to go off on that train'.

The young woman was later found to be an employee of the secret service, they alleged. They also wanted to know whether it was true that Dr Paolo Dell'Anno, the deputy public prosecutor, who received the police report, held it back for two months before passing it to the Bologna magistrates who are investigating the massacre and why, apart from issuing search warrants, he failed to carry out any further investigations. This is the latest of several allegations that some magistrates, particularly in Rome, have hampered investigations into fascist conspiracies. A lawyer defending one of the people accused in connexion with the train explosion case said today that the young woman was an interpreter in the counter-espionage department of the secret service and that the Bologna magistrates have recently questioned her and the three people who overheard the conversation. The Communist claim, if confirmed, would appear to link the train massacre with plans for a fascist coup early last August. Today's development comes exactly a week after the arrest of General Vito Miceli, the former head of the secret service, on charges of plotting a coup.

Accusations denied by French oil interests

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris, Nov 8. The oil companies have reacted violently to a report of a special parliamentary committee accusing them of restrictive practices, tax evasion, and abuse of their power against the state. M Jean Chevenier, the president of BP France, who was accused by name of providing inaccurate figures on the cost of crude oil to his company, said that had any persons been involved other than the authors of the report legal action would be justified. M Etienne Dalmout, the director general for operations of the Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, said on Radio Luxembourg that there was no cartel and no restrictive agreement between oil companies operating in France. He rejected all the committee's accusations. There might be some exceptional agreements for public contracts, he said, but the market was extremely competitive. The left, and especially the Communist Party, exults over the allegations of the report. The Communist newspaper 'L'Humanite' today says in a banner headline: 'In broad daylight, the oil scoundrels, and an article by M Marchais, the secretary general of the party, follows. 'We are in the presence of the most astounding scandal of the country had known for a long time', he writes. The article illustrates in a startling fashion the indecent combination of politics and business indulged in by the leading circles of this country. M Claude Estier, the national secretary of the Socialist Party, says: 'While the Government claims to fight inflation by demanding sacrifices of the most underprivileged, Frenchmen, it facilitates the accumulation by big financial groups, and foremost among them the oil companies, of scandalous profits.'

OVERSEAS

Pact offer to Russia seen as Chinese reminder over border

From David Bonavia, Peking, Nov 8. The Foreign Ministry confirmed tonight that China had proposed an agreement with the Soviet Union on mutual non-aggression and renunciation of force. However, it was plain from the wording that China was reacting violently to a report of a Soviet proposal on this issue and was insisting that measures agreed on in 1969 to prevent further border clashes should be implemented. The relevant section of the Chinese message reads, according to the official translation, 'It is necessary first of all to sign, in accordance with the understanding reached between the Premiers of China and the Soviet Union in September, 1969, an agreement, which includes mutual non-aggression and renunciation of force against each other, on the maintenance of the status quo on the border, prevention of armed conflict and disengagement of the armed forces in the areas of dispute, and then proceed to settle through negotiations the entire boundary question.' Observers here incline to the view that the Chinese proposal is not a conciliatory gesture so much as a reminder that the Russians have not implemented any of China's basic demands for easing the border dispute between the two countries. The Soviet Union first proposed a non-aggression pact in the summer of last year, during a routine session of the border talks which have been in progress since 1969. Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, made his proposal public later that year. But it was only last month that it was formally incorporated in a public message to the Chinese leaders, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the People's Republic of China. This may have been intended as a way of forcing China to respond. In talks with foreign visitors over the past year, Chinese officials have dismissed the idea of a non-aggression treaty as meaningless without concrete gestures of Soviet good faith. 'What is the point of a non-aggression pact if neither side is contemplating aggression?' a Chinese official said here once with the heavy irony.

Case against Kent State guards dismissed

From Peter Trafford, New York, Nov 8. A federal judge in Cleveland, Ohio, today threw out the prosecution's case against eight men involved in the fatal shootings at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. The prosecution, Judge Frank Battistoni ruled, had not produced sufficient evidence to back its case against the defendants. The eight men, all members of the Ohio National Guard, were charged with violating the civil rights of the victims of the shootings—the four students who died and the nine other people who were injured. But the judge ruled today that, 'as a matter of law the defendants must be acquitted of the offences with which they are charged. I found no intention on the part of any defendant to deprive anyone of his civil rights.' An Ohio grand jury investigated the incident soon after it took place, and absolved the National Guard of all blame in 1971. Mr John Mitchell, the Attorney General, announced that he would be a federal grand jury investigator of the case. This decision was reversed by Mr Elliot Richardson, a successor of Mr Mitchell, last year. Charges were eventually brought against the eight men last March, and the trial opened in Cleveland on October 21. 'Very different considerations would obtain', the judge said in his ruling today, 'if this were a trial of those eight guardsmen in state court. Charges, for example, of shooting with intent to injure or maim. In particular, it must be clearly understood that the conduct both of the guardsmen who fired, and of the guard state officials who placed it under way, would be subject to neither approved nor vindicated by this opinion.'

American envoy's Lisbon talks on Azores base

Lisbon, Nov 8.—Mr Robert McCloskey, America's roving ambassador, had talks with Portuguese officials yesterday during which they discussed the continued presence of the United States Air Force on the Lajes Island base in the Azores. Mr McCloskey also met Senhor Vasco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, for 45 minutes. The United States lease on the Lajes air base ran out last February, and negotiations have been going on since June. Government officials said in return for America's continued presence on Lajes, Portugal wanted development aid for the Azores and for Portugal itself. Our Madrid correspondent writes: After the end of the first round of talks here yesterday on the renewal of the agreement on American bases in Spain, Mr McCloskey lunched with the Spanish Foreign Minister. A Spanish communiqué said agreement had been reached on an agenda for continuing the talks.

Mirage affair is forcing M Giscard to take sides

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Nov 8. The immediate result of the Stehlin affair, caused by the general's unfavourable comparison of French and American military aircraft is to compel President Giscard d'Estaing to take a public stand and more clearly than he probably intended in the controversy between 'Atlanticists' and 'Nationalists' in the Government majority which has now broken out into the open. The President emerged today from a dive of 13 hours out of the 24 he spent on board the nuclear submarine Le Terrible. He told the crowd: 'In my presence you see the proof of the importance I attach to your mission.' Back on shore at the Ile Longue submarine base, he told the press that he was firmly attached to the principle of an independent French deterrent. He hoped that the debate on

Big win gives Italy lead in bridge contest

Tel Aviv, Nov 8.—Italy went into the lead in the European bridge championships with a convincing 18-2 win over Portugal. Sweden, their chief rivals in the present form, had a bye in the tenth round. The main surprise was Norway's failure to score better than 12-8 against low-ranking Iceland. France climbed into third place with a win over Ireland. In the Women's Series the early leaders, Switzerland, continued their progress by beating the strong Swedish team, but Italy kept up the pressure in second place by defeating France.

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My Lai case man to be freed on bail

New Orleans, Nov 8.—A federal appeals court today ordered the release on bail of Mr William Calley, the former lieutenant who was convicted of murdering Vietnamese villagers at My Lai. In an extraordinary procedure, all 15 judges of the Fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals were summoned secretly to New Orleans to consider whether Mr Calley should remain in prison while the Army appealed against a lower court decision ordering his release. The amount of bail is to be set by Judge J. Robert Elliott, who told Mr Calley to be freed on September 25. Mr Calley has been in prison since Judge Elliott gave his decision. Chief Judge John Brown had granted the Army's emergency request to keep him in jail until the case could be appealed. Today's decision, in which Judge Brown concurred, overturned that earlier order. Mr Calley, who is 31, was convicted in March 1971 of the murder of at least 22 South Vietnamese civilians while acting as a platoon leader.—AP.

Need for Mr Ian Smith to recognize logic of events

By Hugh Noyes, Parliamentary Correspondent, Westminster. The annual motion to renew the order allowing continuation of sanctions against Rhodesia was approved in the Commons yesterday by 124 votes to 23. About the same number of Conservative MPs protested at the continuation as in past years, forcing a division against the advice of Mr Rippon, the newly-appointed successor to Sir Alec Douglas-Home as Shadow Foreign Secretary. Mr Rippon followed the theme set in recent years by Sir Alec in saying that while disliking sanctions and feeling they should not have been introduced in the first place, they had been imposed none the less and it would now be a mistake not to approve the order. Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, opening the debate, told the House that the time had now passed when the Rhodesian problem could be settled by negotiations between Britain and the illegal regime alone. When he visited Africa in December and the new year, he would be discussing suggestions for a constitutional conference. Although he was not against such a meeting he implied that he did not have great hopes that it could be arranged. Certain conditions would have to be made and it would be necessary for Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and his regime to be represented as well as African leaders, including those now in detention. Foreign Office officials had been having discussions on this possibility in African countries. However, Mr Callaghan added that he feared he might have to return from his journey with the answer that it was not possible to carry political talks any further until the logic of events had been brought home to Mr Smith.

Cancer check on water supplies in US

From Our Correspondent, Washington, Nov 8. An immediate study of America's drinking water supplies was ordered today to check on the incidence of cancer-causing chemicals. Dr Russel Train, head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), ordered the survey following a report suggesting that water drawn from the Mississippi in New Orleans was linked to cancer deaths there. A private group, the Environmental Defence Fund, claimed yesterday that there was a cancer cluster in the area between cancer deaths in New Orleans and the Mississippi waters supply.

Pretoria moves to stop assaults by police

From Our Own Correspondent, Cape Town, Nov 8. Allegations of brutal assaults on political detainees were made in Pretoria yesterday when an application was lodged for a restraining order to be placed on the security police. Meanwhile, pre-dawn raids by at least 37 of the number of people being detained without trial under the Terrorism Act after a pro-Freedom rally held in defiance of a Government ban six weeks ago. People detained under the Terrorism Act may be held and interrogated until the police consider that they have been adequately. This means they may be detained indefinitely. No one other than state officials may have access to them, or is anyone entitled to information about them. Even the fact of the detentions may be kept secret. The authorities have refused to disclose the number or the names of those detained but members of the Black People's Convention, a black consciousness movement created two years ago, the Black South African students organization or similar movements.

Five more nations line up to join energy group

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels, Nov 8. The five-nation energy consumers group is expanding. Attracted by its emergency oil-sharing scheme, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Spain and Turkey have indicated their interest in joining. All five were present at a meeting in Brussels today with officials from the 12 founding members: the United States, Japan, Canada, Norway and the EEC member states without France. The group is open to all members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The French Government has boycotted the group since it was set up by the February energy conference in Washington, and Norway has, as a potential oil

French funeral for Britons killed in crash

Abbeville, France, Nov 8.—The funerals of three Britons killed in a car accident here on Monday will probably take place in this northern town this weekend. The victims were Mrs Joanna Moore, aged 52, her daughter, Mrs Sarah Conder, aged 26, and a friend, Mrs Jean MacDonald Robertson, aged 68. The names were wrongly reported by police on Monday because the bodies as well as most of the papers in the car were burned.—Reuter.

European tour ahead for Mr Whitlam

Brussels, Nov 8.—Mr Whitlam, Australian Prime Minister, is planning an extensive first visit to Europe in December, according to reliable sources. He is intending to break with tradition by stopping first at Brussels, the headquarters of the European Community, rather than London, Bonn and Moscow will also be visited.

America seeks timetable for freeing Namibia

From Our Own Correspondent, New York, Nov 8. The United States has called on South Africa to announce a timetable for the process of self-determination in Namibia (South-West Africa). The policy statement was made by Miss Barbara White, of the American mission to the United Nations, to the General Assembly's decolonization committee last night. Miss White said that there had recently been signs that the South African Government 'may be finally moving toward a peaceful resolution of the immensely frustrating deadlock over Namibia'. She continued: 'We urge the South African Government to back up these statements with prompt, decisive actions. We ask that South Africa provide the United Nations with the legally recognized authority for Namibia, with an unequivocal statement of its plans for granting the people of Namibia the exercise their right of self-determination. This statement should include an indication of the period within which positive changes can be expected and we want the United Nations to play its rightful role in this process.'

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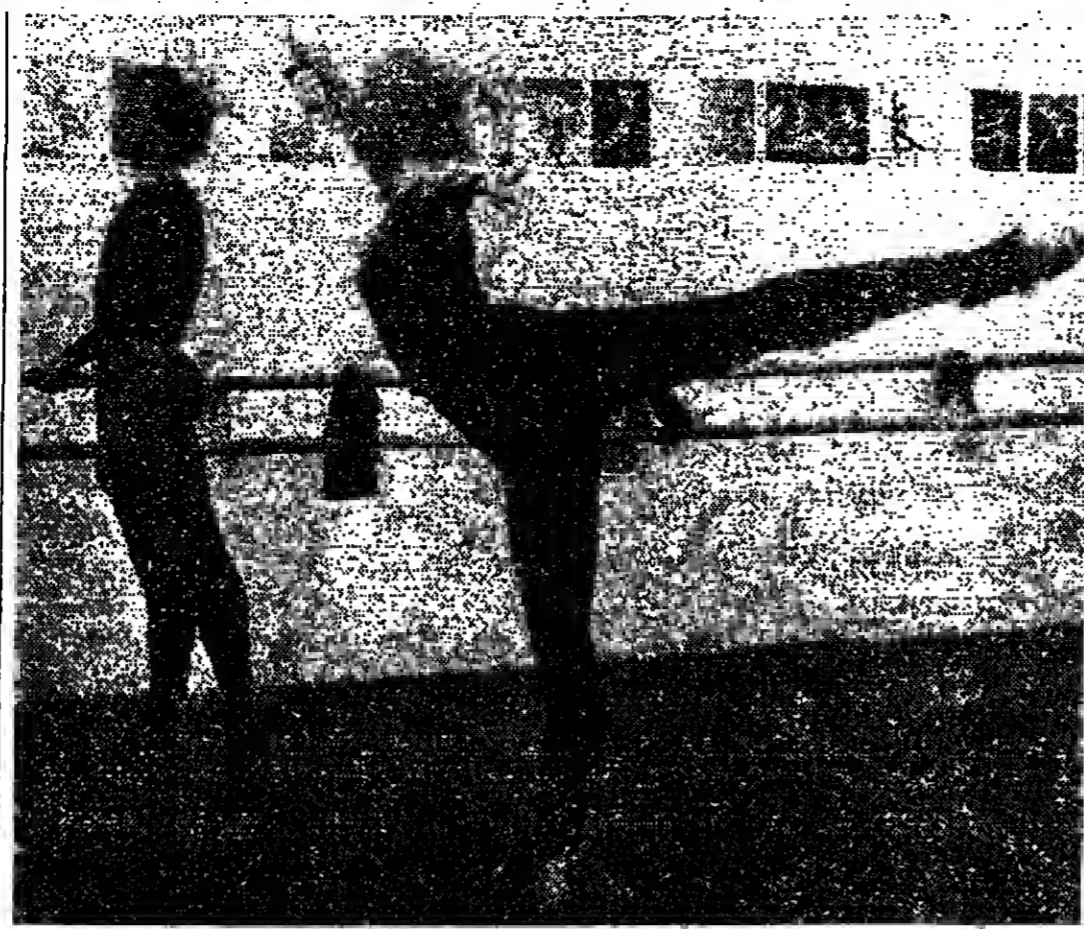
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Case of Kissinger accepts Israel's refusal to negotiate with PLO

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Valery and Galina Panov, who were allowed to leave the Soviet Union last June, practise yesterday for their Tel Aviv debut tomorrow.

Turkish Army called out to stop student battles

From Our Correspondent Ankara, Nov 8. — The most violent student disturbances for more than two years erupted today in Ankara and were quelled only after the Army intervened. At least four persons were badly injured in armed battles between right and left-wing students. Some 70 others were hurt less seriously. The incidents apparently began when a group of armed right-wing "commandos" affiliated to the neo-Nazi Nationalist Action Party invaded the grounds of the Middle East Technical University, four miles west of Ankara. As the fighting was raging there, other rightist groups moved against Hacettepe University, in the city centre. Doctors fear for the life of one student, who was hit in the chest by a blast of gunfire. Mr Bulent Ecevit, who resigned as Prime Minister yesterday, at the end of a two-month government crisis, denounced "those who try to profit from the feelings of young people, and the prolonged government crisis for their own, sinister ends". Colonel Alpaskan Turkes, president of the Nationalist Action Party, accused Mr Ecevit's social-democratic Republican People's Party of having "amnestied the enemies of the state who, once out, have immediately taken up their communist activities".

India attempts to reconcile Sikkim rivals

From Our Correspondent Delhi, Nov 8. — The Indian Government proposes to invite the Chogyal of Sikkim to Delhi in an attempt to reconcile him and his Chief Minister, Kazi Lhendup Dorji. Mr Dorji, who is at present in Delhi, has complained that the Chogyal has not accepted his new status of being a constitutional head of state and that he is not allowing economic and other reforms to be introduced in Sikkim. Under an agreement signed by Delhi, the Chogyal and the Sikkim Congress, representing the Sikkim legislature, the Chogyal agreed to be more or less a constitutional head.

Prospects of peace in Cyprus brighter

M. Rendel. — Prospects for peace in Cyprus brightened for two reasons. The first is that Mrides, the acting president, a fine disregard for his dual safety declared for the time publicly on Thursday acceptance of the Turkish bid for a bilateral federalism was the only realistic working for a settlement. second, although it seems official, is that the Turkish led the proposed visit to Cyprus by Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, reason for the cancellation was that Turkey had no government since Mr Ecevit, Prime Minister, had just up his second attempt to oust him. A failure in itself will be a final settlement so long lasts, but for the moment illation of Dr Kissinger's means that Turkey can use her initial small reduction of troops in Cyprus without arising to do so under American pressure. Clerides's declaration is only a big step forward. It is that at the meeting noted in Athens between Archbishop Makarios, Mrides and the head of the Greek Government shortly after the Greek election on 17. Archbishop Makarios will be obliged to continue asking of Mr Clerides and if accept a bilateral federalism, or Mr Clerides will from his task of negotiating with the Turkish Cypriots. Archbishop Makarios is now to come to London to the end of next week on way to Athens. Nov 8. — Members of House of Representatives here that any Greek woman had made pregnant by being Turkish troops could have a legal abortion. The last night passed a Bill giving the legal prohibition in force "in view of the pregnant conditions in the try." Several hundred have said they were by Turkish soldiers during the July invasion.—Reuter.

Athens treason allegations over Turkish invasion

From Our Correspondent Athens, Nov 8. — An Athens lawyer, believed to be acting on behalf of the fallen junta, today formally denounced the leaders of the Greek armed forces at the time of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July, for allegedly disobeying the order to attack the Turks "on all fronts". Mr George Alfandakis, the lawyer, said that he represented "senior and general officers currently accused and slandered by everyone". He asked the public prosecutor of Athens to take action on charges of treason, deserting a military post, and of the officers of the army, disobeying military orders, and revolt, against General Gregorios Bonanos, the former commander-in-chief, now retired; Lieutenant-General Andreas Galatsanos, the former chief of the Army, now retired; Vice-Admiral Petros Arapakis, chief of the Navy, and Air Vice-Marshal Alexandros Papanikolaou, chief of the Air Force. Mr Alfandakis claimed that on July 21, the day after the Turkish invasion, the Greek Supreme Council of National Security decided to counter-attack. The chief of the Navy was asked to order two German-built submarines then in the vicinity of Kyrenia, to torpedo the 11 units of the Turkish invasion flotilla, while six Phantom fighter-bombers stationed in Crete were to strike the invasion fleet with rockets. The Army was to launch an artillery attack across the Greek-Turkish border on the Evros river, as a diversionary move.

Sudan defence minister relieved of his post

From Our Correspondent Khartoum, Nov 8. — President Nimeiry yesterday relieved General Awad Khalafalla of his post as Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. No explanation for the decision was given. The General has been appointed a military adviser.—Reuter.

Abominable snowman reported by Poles

Karmandu, Nov 8. — Traces of the "abominable snowman" have been reported by a Polish Himalayan expedition. Andrzej Zawada, the group's leader, was quoted as saying that they had seen footprints which were "clearly the track of a yeti". They did not see any animal.—Reuter.

Big business deserts Mr Tanaka

Peter Hazelhurst, Nov 8. — Tanaka, the Japanese Minister, who has spent the last two weeks paying off visits to New Zealand, Australia and Burma, returned to Tokyo tonight to discover that political opponents within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party have launched a campaign to force his resignation. A campaign started last night after a literary magazine published the details of investigations which suggested that the Minister might have evaded taxes and indulged in questionable business deals in public office. Disclosures that American ships had been allowed to enter Japan with clearances on board, the Government's inability to curb inflation and the ruling party's close association with big business already reduced Mr Tanaka's popularity rating to about 18 per cent. As the Minister returned home tonight, members of leading factions within the Liberal Democrats expressed concern that the party would suffer further electoral setbacks unless the leadership was changed. While the Communists and Socialists called for the dissolution of Parliament and new elections today, two of Mr Tanaka's rivals within the ruling party—Mr Takeo Miki, the former Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Takeo Fukuda, the former Finance Minister—called for his resignation. There can be no doubt that the ruling party is particularly upset by the fact that Mr Tanaka has lost the confidence of the mainstay of the party—big business. Leaders of commerce and industry, who threw huge sums into the coffers of the ruling party before it suffered a debacle during the elections earlier this year, have bluntly told Mr Tanaka that he has wasted their money and the Liberal Democrats must look to other sources for funds in the future. The Communist Party has threatened to produce further evidence to suggest that the Prime Minister has benefited his financial interests while he has held office. However, all the indications tonight hint that Mr Tanaka has no intention of stepping down. Making a brave attempt to weather what is considered the worst crisis in his political career, he has promised to reply to all of the charges in the Diet. He has also pointed out that many of the charges are vague and relate to business deals which were initiated more than 10 years ago. In an apparent effort to encourage Mr Tanaka's rivals within the ruling party, the Japanese Communist Party took advantage of the crisis today and suggested that the left-wing Opposition forces were willing to form a provisional Administration with the dissenting Conservatives. Mr Tanaka is expected to call an urgent meeting of the party hierarchy tomorrow at which he will discuss the political crisis with members of his own faction before he meets Mr Tomisaburo Hashimoto, the secretary-general of the ruling party, and the leaders of the three main factions. If Mr Tanaka is forced to step down before his term of office expires next July, it would seem that the taciturn Minister for Finance, Mr Masayoshi Ohira, would emerge as the future candidate for leadership of the ruling party.

Bolivian leader again triumphs over rebels

La Paz, Nov 8. — President Banzer appeared today to have regained full control of the country in a brief but violent battle against rebellious elements which he described as "a group of good-for-nothing drug addicts and drunks". It was the second attempted revolt against his regime this year. Censorship was lifted as government forces using jets, tanks and paratroops mopped up die-hard rebels. President Banzer took personal command of the troops when the attempt to seize control of the country was launched yesterday in the city of Santa Cruz. According to radio messages from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 540 miles south-east of La Paz, which was the centre of the revolt, the Air Force strafed the rebel positions yesterday. Unconfirmed reports said the fighting was brief but intensive and that late yesterday when President Banzer called for their surrender, the rebels fled Santa Cruz in the direction of Mootero, a city about 30 miles to the north. The civilian head of the revolt was identified by the clandestine rebel broadcast as Señor Carlos Valverde Barbieri, former Minister of Interior in the Banzer Government who was exiled to Paraguay two years ago on charges of preparing a coup. A communiqué issued by the armed forces general staff said the military units in the rebellion were led by former General Hormando Alvarez and General Julio Prado Montano. The treachery of an army officer at the side of President Banzer prolonged the attempted revolt, a Government communiqué said. The rebel troops had laid down their arms after a few skirmishes but were ordered to resume fighting by Major Edgar Churruarín who had accompanied President Banzer on the flight to Santa Cruz "protesting his loyalty to the Government", the communiqué said. It gave no intimation of the major's fate.—UPI and Reuter.

Russians suspicious of crops forecast plan

From Peter Nichols Rome, Nov 8. — The Soviet delegate at the United Nations World Food Conference today showed little enthusiasm for proposals for international cooperation in devising a crop early warning system which would be based on a world-wide gathering of information concerning crops and weather. Many delegates, including the Americans, were sceptical that the Soviet Union would want to cooperate. One leading American delegate remarked: "It is against their system." He added that a principal reason explaining their refusal to become active members of the Food and Agricultural Organization was precisely their reluctance to provide information about their own agriculture. Speaking in one of the committees today, Mr Tikhon Sokolov, first vice-chairman of Gosplan, the central economic planning agency, recognized the importance of collecting and distributing information about food. But he wanted to have more details about the proposal. "We must study this more closely in order to take the most rational decisions possible: for example, we need to be more fully informed on whether the system is to be organized by FAO or independently." The freedom of importing this information, which has so much importance for some countries, is directly tied in with the organizational structure of the capitalist trade in agricultural commodities. Who can guarantee that the data will not be used by, for example, big multinational organizations for their own profit-making ends?" he asked. He had another objection too: "It is well known that information about foodstuffs is information of strategic importance", he asserted. He also felt that there were technical, as well as organizational, difficulties. He did not, however, reject the idea. Substantial importance is placed on Soviet participation even if it is unlikely

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Doctor Johnson alone again

by John Wain

James Boswell, for one, had no doubt as to what Hester Thrale should do now that she was a widow. She should marry Samuel Johnson. Boswell's entire sincere love and respect for Johnson did not prevent him from extracting as much giggling fun as possible from the idea of Johnson as married lover, with a bride 30 years his junior. Eight days after Henry Thrale's death—one day, indeed, after his funeral—Boswell wrote a set of verses which he called "Epithalamium" celebrating the forthcoming nuptials of the pair. To say that this poem exceeded the bounds of good taste would be an understatement; where ordinary bad taste leaves off, Boswell began. His effort opens *My dearest darling view your slave*

Behold him as your very scrub
Whether to write as author
Or govern well the brewing tub.

While to facility thus raised
My bosom glows with amorous
ferret no longer shall be praised
'Tis I myself am Thrale's entire.

Five daughters by your former
spouse
Shall match the nobles of the
land
The fruit of our more fertile
vous
A pillar of the state shall stand.

And so on through eight more scurrilous verses. The joke about Thrale's entire is quite good in its low-minded way; the word "entire", as a noun, has two meanings: a proper noun, a stallion as distinct from a gelding, and also a certain kind of beer. This kind of word-play no doubt convulsed the merry gatherings at which Boswell, incredible as it may seem, rendered his Epithalamium in the spring of 1781.

For Hester herself, things were nothing like so agreeably clear-cut. She was flustered by all the demands of her situation, beset by anxieties, haunted by emotions to which she dared not, even in the silence of her own mind, give full expression. The management of Henry Thrale's estate filled her hands with business; there were four executors, of whom Johnson was one, whose approval must be sought for every important step. The brewery, of course, had to be sold, and here at least Johnson could be of wholehearted assistance. To hustle about with a quill pen and ink-born dangle from his lapel—to discuss terms and calculate costs, to be involved in the stir of affairs, amused and interested him. He had always sturdily refused to acknowledge the mystique of buying and selling; one glance at the average business man was enough to assure him that business could not call for much intellectual subtlety; as he succinctly put it, "Trade could not be managed by those who manage it, if it were difficult." Now, he enjoyed meeting these people on equal terms and he did so with a grand swaggering air. "We are out here to sell a parcel of vats and boilers," he declared, "but the possibility of growing rich beyond the dreams of avarice."

His fun did not last long. At the end of May 1781 the brewery was sold. John Perkins, Sylvanus Bevan, and David and Robert Barclay. One sigh of relief, at least, Hester could now breathe; she wrote to a friend that she was glad to lose the golden millstone from round her neck: "I long to salute you in my restored character as a housewife. But she was a woman with many problems and difficulties. Money, which her husband had for so long provided by magic, was suddenly a rebellious, unpredictable genie, ready at any moment to go back into the bottle. Streatham seemed to her enormously expensive, especially as she had failed in a lawsuit against some of her Welsh relatives, and this had involved her in the payment of a large debt, outstanding for nearly 30 years.

Underlying the practical worries were deeper personal ones. Her marriage, whatever its advantages, had been loveless; now at forty-one, she was suddenly free to recast her life, and a happy mutual love seemed suddenly to be a possibility. Most of her friends, she knew, would take the line that as a widow with adolescent daughters to look after, she should hurry her sexual emotions, regard that part of her life as over. The trouble was that it was not over; it had simply never begun. And there, on the fringe of her life, was the attractive figure of Gabriel Piozzi. Did she love him? If so, she did not yet dare to admit the fact to herself. She shrank from the upheaval that such knowledge would cause, both in herself and in others. What should she do? Tormented, harassed, she decided to gain a breathing space. She would let Streatham Park for three years



A portrait of Hester Thrale by R. E. Pine



John Opie's portrait of Johnson, for which he sat on the day of his stroke.

and spend that time in Italy with her three oldest daughters, Queneey, Sophy and Susan. It would benefit the girls to travel and learn languages; and Queneey's musical studies need not suffer any interruption, for Mr Piozzi would guide the party. In this way she brought him into her plans while keeping him, for the moment, at a manageable distance.

On the other hand, what of Johnson? She knew, and so did everyone, how much he had longed to see Italy. If she left him behind her, how critical his friends would be, how they would castigate her selfishness! But—she had to face the fact—she simply did not want to take him. He was old; he was a nuisance; his rasping cough got on her nerves; it was not even certain that he would survive the hardships of the journey or the change of surroundings. Finally, she plucked up courage. It was it or never. She was going to live it. They would go to Italy and they would not take Johnson.

On August 22, 1782 she nervously told him of her plans. She expected anger, disappointment, protestations, pleas. But Johnson did not oblige. Deeply saddened as he must have been, he forced himself to take the news with stoical calm. "Woman-like, Hester resented this too. 'I fancied Mr Johnson could not have existed without me forsooth,'" she wrote in her diary, "as we have now lived together above eighteen years, and I have so fondled and waited on him in sickness and in health—not a bit out! He feels nothing in parting with me, nothing in the least; but thinks it a private scheme and goes to his book as usual."

Obviously, Johnson's calm reaction was achieved at the cost of an enormous effort, calling on all his reserves of courage and generosity. He was to lose Hester—ever if he were still alive when she returned in three years' time, she would have grown away from him—and he was to lose Streatham. For years he had loved both her and the place, and the two loves had knotted themselves into one. Now the axe was at the

root. Inexorably, preparations went forward; the day of severance came nearer. The lawyers drew up the agreement; Streatham was to be let for three years to Lord Snelburne. By early October there was nothing left but to go. On the sixth of the month, Johnson died there for the last time, read in the library for the last time, and, as usual at any solemn moment of his life, composed a prayer: "Almighty God, Father of all mercy, help me by thy Grace that I may with humble and sincere thankfulness remember the comforts and conveniences which I have enjoyed at this place and that I may resign them with holy submission, equally trusting in thy protection when thou givest and when thou takest away. Have mercy upon me. O Lord, have mercy upon me. To thy fatherly protection, O Lord, I commend this family. Bless, guide and defend them. That they may so pass through this world as finally to enjoy in thy presence everlasting happiness, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

The parting with Streatham must have seemed to Johnson like a kind of death. And indeed it severed one of the main strands that held him to life. Everywhere he looked, warmth and companionship and colour were fading. Only the previous January he had suffered a loss that nothing could repair. Swirly, taciturn, reliable old Levet had gone to bed in his room at Bolt Court one night, and had got up no more. His death, according to Johnson's diary, took place at about seven o'clock in the morning and was "instantaneous." Johnson's pain can be imagined; he always hated losing a friend, and Levet was a friend of classic vintage; they had been together in the early days of poverty, before the Dictionary, before *The Rambler*, before the death of Tetter, "Commendavi", Johnson wrote sadly, "May God have mercy on him. May he have mercy on me."

Levet died in the depths of winter. After an uneasy summer came the sad autumn, the wrenching departure from

Streatham. Thereafter events moved quickly. Freed from the twin burdens of Southwark and Streatham, Hester was able to look at her own emotions in a clearer light. She continued to see Piozzi, and the feeling between them rapidly grew in intensity until, some time that autumn, they avowed their mutual love. Hester went down to Brighton with the girls; her mind was whirling with the alternatives that opened before her, and she had no energy to spare for Johnson, who joined them briefly in a visit that no one enjoyed. He was querulous and badly behaved; she was preoccupied with the turmoil inside her. At Brighton she took the opportunity to unburden her heart to Fanny Burney, who stayed with them there, and also to Queneey. She declared that she loved Piozzi and had thoughts of marrying him. Both were horrified. Fanny pleaded with her to change her mind; Queneey vowed that she would overstep her consent to such a step. Miserable, frustrated, sore with one another, they returned at the end of the month to London, where Hester had taken a house in Argyll Street for the winter.

Johnson, too, was in London this winter, at his own house in Bolt Court. He had a room in the Argyll Street house just as he had done at Streatham; a semblance of the old intimacy was preserved; but it was the shell of a relationship without the living substance. Hester was deep in the conflict with her daughters, who refused utterly to countenance their mother's remarriage. Just why the sensible and courteous musician should have been regarded as so scandalously unfit a mate for the brewer's widow is difficult, from a twentieth-century point of view, to see; but he was a foreigner, a Catholic, and had no solid position in society—for of course an artist is not solid like a lawyer or a moneylender. Then, too, the world is always cynical about the marriages of heiresses. When the news broke, Piozzi was represented as an unscrupulous adventurer who had smiled and bowed his way

into a fortune; it was even confidently said that he was much younger than Hester (he was six months older, in fact), and she was jeered at as the amorous widow, who marries her cicisbeo.

Almost half a century earlier, when Elizabeth Porter had announced to her family that she meant to marry Sam Johnson, exactly the same situation had arisen. Terty had chosen to remarry for love rather than to gain the approval of her family. But the choice is a difficult one for any woman. In that winter of 1782-83 everyone was tense and unhappy. The girls were adamant, Hester in agony, Johnson puzzled and with a sense of neglect. He spent some time in Argyll Street, but mostly he moped in the house in Bolt Court. It was a melancholy place. Mrs Desmoullins had gone away, sickened finally at her incessant quarrels with Anna Williams; and Miss Williams herself was dying. Frank Barber did his best to look after both her and the sick Johnson; but Frank was never very efficient. The house was disorganized, comfortless and probably dirty. And Levet's place at the breakfast-table was empty.

Hester, for her part, had no energy to spare for Johnson's sufferings. She was being forced to her knees by the obdurate resistance of her daughters, led by Queneey. They would not accept Piozzi as their step-father; they expected her to give her life to looking after their needs, running a home for them. Finally, worn out, she capitulated. On 6 April 1783 she bade an agonizing farewell to her lover. From that moment her health began to crumble. The notion of living for a while in Italy was abandoned at the same time as the idea of marriage to Piozzi. Seeking a change of scene and a refuge from pressures, she took refuge in Bath; immediately two of the younger children, whom she had left behind, fell ill, and one died. Sunk to her miseries, she neglected Johnson more or less completely. And now, left alone as he was, an even more

appalling blow fell on him. Let him take up the story himself as he wrote it in a letter to Hester. "No other voice would fall on the ear with such pathetic force:

Dear Madam
I am sitting down in oo cheerful solitude to write a narrative which would once have affected you with tenderness and sorrow, but which you will perhaps smile over now with the careless glance of frigid indifference. For this diminution of regard, however, I know not whether I ought to thank you, who may have reasons which I cannot know, and I do not blame myself who have for a great part of human life done you what good I could, and have never done you evil.

I had been disordered in the usual way, and had been relieved by the usual methods, by opium and cathartics, but I rather lessened my dose of opium.

On Monday the sixteenth, I sat for my picture, and walked a considerable way with little inconvenience. In the afternoon and evening, I felt myself light and easy, and began to plan schemes of life. Thus I went to bed, and in a short time walked and sat up as had been long my custom, when I felt a confusion and indistinctness in my head which lasted, I suppose about half a minute; I was alarmed and called God, that however he might afflict my body he would spare my understanding. This prayer, that I might try the integrity of my faculties, I made in Latin verse. The lines were not very good, but I knew them not to be very good, I made them easily, and concluded myself to be impaired in my faculties.

Soon after I perceived that I had suffered a paralytic stroke and that my speech was taken from me. I had no power, and so little dejection in this dreadful state that I wondered at my own apathy, and considered that perhaps death itself when it should come, would excite me to horror that seems now to attend it.

In order to reduce the vocal organs, I took two drams. Wine has been celebrated for the production of eloquence; I put myself into violent mood, and, I think, repeated it. But all was vain; I then went to bed, and, strange as it may seem, I think, slept. When I saw light, it was 6 o'clock in the morning. My first aim was necessarily to my servant, who came in talking, and could not immediately comprehend why he should read what I put into his hands.

I then wrote a card to Mr Allen that I might have a discreet friend at hand to act as occasion should require. In penning this note I had some difficulty; my hand, I knew not how or why, made wrong letters. I then wrote to Dr Taylor to come to me, and bring Dr Heberden, and I sent to Dr Brocklesby, who is my neighbour. My physicians are very friendly and very disinterested, and give me great hopes, but you may imagine my situation. I have so far recovered my vocal powers, as to repeat the Lord's Prayer with oo very imperfect articulation. My memory, I hope, yet remains as it was. But such an attack produces so much for the safety of every faculty.

This will be received by you I know not, I hope you will sympathize with me, but perhaps—
My Mistress gracious, mild and good
Cries, Is he dumb? 'tis I, 'tis I
He should.

But can this be possible? I hope it cannot. I hope that what, when I could speak, I spoke of you, and serious hour remembered by you, and surely it cannot be remembered but with some degree of kindness. I have loved you with virtuous affection, I have honoured you with sincere esteem. Let not all our endearment be forgotten, but let me have in this great distress your pity and your prayers. You see I yet turn to you with my complaints as a settled and unalienable friend; do not do not drive me from you, for I have not deserved either neglect or hatred.

To the girls, who do not write often, for Susy has written only once, and Miss Thrale owes me a letter, I earnestly recommend as their guardian and friend, that they remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

I suppose you may wish to know how my disease is treated by the physicians. They put a blister upon my back, and two from my ear to my throat, one on a side. The blister on the back has done little, and those on the throat have not risen. I bled, and bled (it cracks to our last sand) and compelled the apothecary to make his salve according to the Edinburgh dispensatory, that it might adhere better. I have two on oow of my own prescription. They likewise give me salt of tartar, which I take with no great confidence, but am satisfied that what can be done is done for me.

O God, give me comfort and confidence in thee; forgive my sins, and if it be thy good pleasure, relieve my diseases for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

I am, Madam, your most humble servant.

Bolt Court, Fleet Street, 19 June 1783.

SAM: JOHNSON

This paralytic stroke was a clear warning. Johnson could not hope to live long; any friend who still wanted to enjoy his company, and to contribute to what happiness he might still enjoy, would have to do so without much delay. Yet Hester, who had been so very kind to him for so long, continued even now to stand aloof. Her own problems of mind and body had completely overwhelmed her. Johnson struggled to his feet; that summer he was even capable of travelling into the country as usual; yet she did not suggest that he should accompany her and the girls.

The gap was supplied by Johnson's devoted friend, Benet Langton, who happened to be in Rochester and had Johnson to stay there for a couple of weeks. Characteristically, still hungry for life and new experiences, Johnson went on, feeble as he was, to stay in the neighbourhood of Salisbury with a young man he had recently met, by name William Bowles. He enjoyed his stay with Bowles, who did everything possible to make him comfortable; but when Bowles suggested that they should pass a day or two at Weymouth, where he had heard that Hester Thrale was staying, Johnson showed no willingness to go. He had, quite evidently, made up his mind to avoid Hester until she came to him.

Back in London he found Bolt Court gloomier than ever. Anna

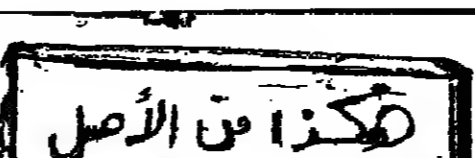
Williams had died during absence. Johnson wrote Langton that "her death lowering that of Levet, has my house a solitude. Still her little substance to o school. She is, I hope, there is neither darkness want, nor sorrow." In this tude, Johnson battled on, treating life as a privilege a challenge, still determined to sit down tamely and wait death. He fought gall against an assemblage of eases; and to enjoy the ples of company and converse he formed, in December 17 new Club, which met at a still flourishing today, Essex Head in Essex St.

This new association was ing like so exclusive and d guided as the original I which he still continues attend; but it had its shai wise and witty men; su was a member and so wa Brocklesby, Johnson's good humane physician; so were well, William Windham statesman, and George Steer the literary scholar.

Johnson had need of Brocklesby's skill. That w his health sank to the j where death was staring h the face. He suffered from he called "a spasms asthma", and also from dr In addition he was torm by gout, and by a painful plaint which he called a "cocele", which seems to I involved an enormously sw resticle which had to be re surgically. From mid-Dece to late April, a hundred twenty-nine days by his reckoning, he was unable leave the house. When, a iogly, he recovered, his first cusion was to St Clen Dane's Church to give th for his deliverance. Dr Br teshy was confident that w weather would benefit him; it seems to have been Bos who came up with the idea instead of waiting for English weather to turo w Johnson should go to Italy. Had always wanted to go th and now it might be the me of postponing his death fo year or two. Boswell, to eternal credit, took the husi oo himself. To go to Italy Jo son would need funds. Bosw consulted Reynolds; next wrote a letter to the Lord Ch Boswell replied that he wo the necessary steps to Johnson a grant. "It would b reflection on us all." His Lo ship wrote, "if such a r should perish for want of health." Elated, Boswell hurri round to see Johnson, a steered the conversation rou to the topic of a winter in Ita

Johnson confirmed that would like to go. "You wou have no objections, I presume Boswell pursued, "but o money would be required. "Why, no, Sir," Boswell h poured out the story—how h friends had gone behind h back and arranged it all. Joh son heard him out; th "This", he said, "is taking p

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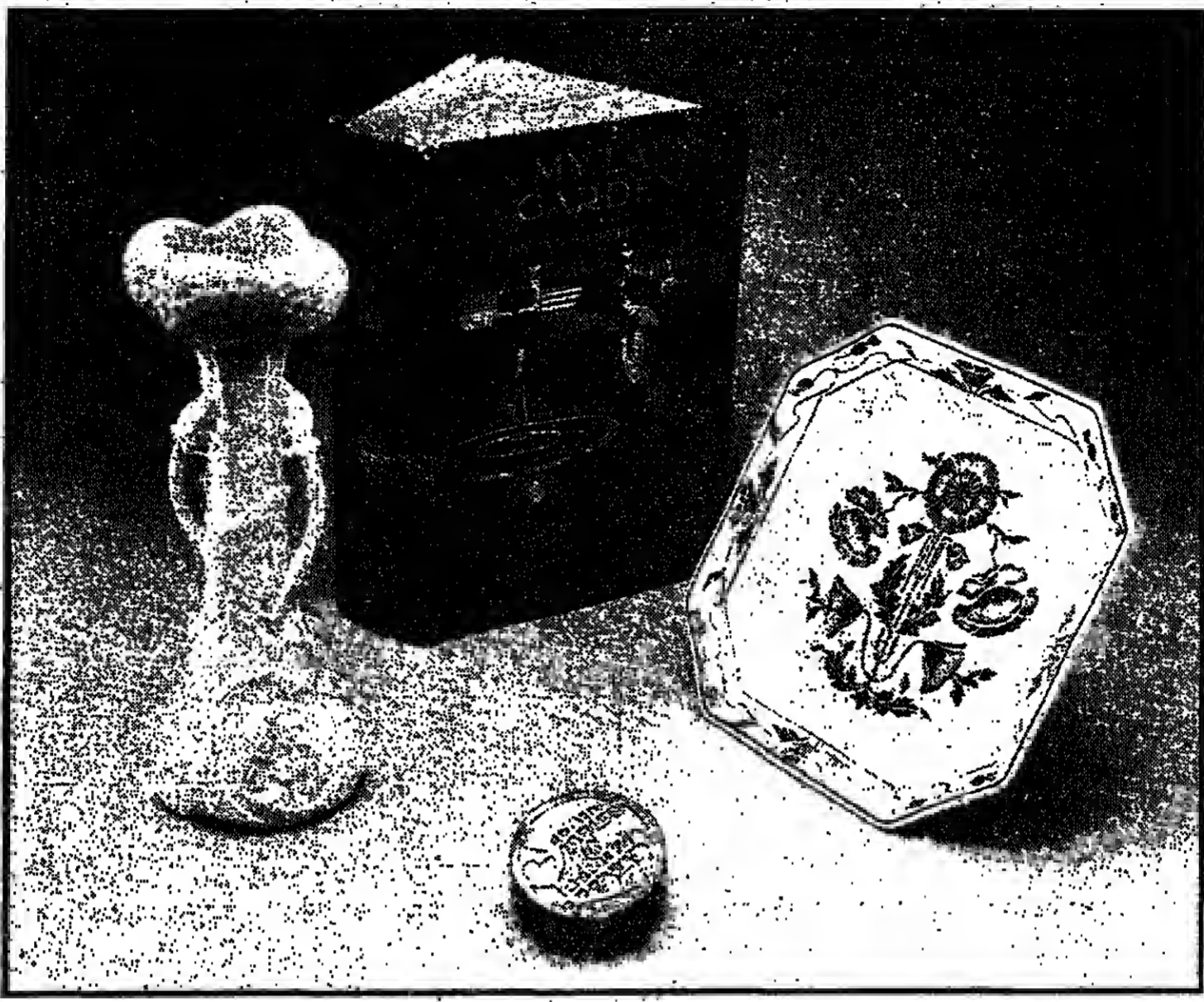
ed-from opposite page pains about a man". Boswell hurt out, friends would do every-ir you". Johnson's eyes ith tears; for a moment or speak; then, "God all", he said. Boswell, urn, shed tears. "God all", Johnson re- for Jesus Christ's ble to speak further, the room. In a few he returned, having his feelings; and the de an appointment to Reynolds on the fol- day. But that was the Boswell was under a roof. He was again on the fol- evening. Boswell and were happy to talk of and the enjoyment that would find in going last. But Johnson was realistic. "Nay", he must not expect much when a man goes to ally to feel how he air, the man who de- de". But he talked well, is not melancholy. To

for Antwerp by sea, Johnson had remained on the shore, "rolling his majestic frame" and watching the ship grow smaller in the distance. Now, any such lingering would have been too painful, and he moved off with what speed his un- wieldy old limbs would lend him. That was on June 30. The steamer was a faithful one for Johnson. Not only did he part for ever from Boswell, but Hester Thrale despatched to him on that day a letter which extin- guished all hope of solace and happiness in her company. It was, in fact, a formal letter which she sent out in four copies, one to each of the men who were executors of Thrale's estate and guardians of his daughters. It informed them that she had decided to marry Gabriel Piozzi; that she was alone at Bath, waiting for him to join her; that Queeney, Susan and Sophy were at Brighton with a suitable chaperone. At last, her suffer- ings had melted the hearts of her "pelican daughters", at least to the extent that they no longer actively opposed the

marriage. She might have Piozzi if she wished, though she must not expect them to have any truck with him. At once, her health began to mend; she wrote to Piozzi, who had re- turned to Italy, and after a period of hesitation—for he was a cautious man and had had quite enough of these ops and downs—he was on his way to England. To Johnson's copy of the letter she added a covering note, asking his forgiveness for having told him nothing of the matter. "Indeed, my dear Sir, it was concealed only to spare us both needless pain; I could not have borne to reject that counsel it would have killed me to take." Johnson's immediate reaction was a hallow of pain and rage loud enough to be heard on Sirius and Betelgeuse. Mason. If I interpret your letter right, you are imperiously marring it. It is yet undone, let us once talk together. If you have abandoned your children and your religion, God forgive your wickedness; if you have forfeited your fame, and your country, may your folly do no further mischief. If the last act is yet to do, I who have loved you, esteemed you, revered you and served you, I, who long thought you the first of human kind, entreat that before your fate is irrevocable, I may once more see you. I was, I once was, Madam, most truly yours Sam: Johnson 2 July 1783 I will come down if you permit it. With spirit, she came back or him to a letter written two days after his. "The birth of my second husband is not meaner than that of my first, his senti- ments are not meaner, his pro- fession is not meaner... Will you have changed your opinion of Mr Piozzi, let us converse no more. God bless you!" Within a week of his first letter Johnson wrote again. This second message breathes all the nobility and generosity of the man. Gone is the note of ran- cour, gone the underlying pain. He accepts the situation, and he gives her his blessing and his gratitude. I wish that God may grant you every blessing, that you may be happy in this world for his short continuance, and eternally happy to a better state, and whatever I can contribute to your happiness, I

Chess Tactical terrors

Chess Tactical terrors Lorenzo said: ... a Schlechter. A Rubinstein look and pawn ending is a thing of beauty and it is not to be missed for Schlechter, read what Reel writes about him in his Modern Ideas in Chess. I have no space to quote it all but give the final paragraph: "By the time we shall have grown weary of the latest combinations of the old masters and the over subtle positional plans of the new ones, we shall still delight in immer- sion ourselves in Schlechter's games, in which, side by side with the greatness and simpli- city of nature, the grace and the brutality of Viennese music are often reflected." Nor does this gentle grace of beauty preclude in any way a stealy power in the execution of a plan. Rubinstein can be as brutally affectiva as Marshall or Restevsky in the annihilation of his adversary. Compare his fam- ous games against Hromadko and Rookiewi. Of if you prefer something less known, look at this one from the great Carls- had International Tournament, 1929, against the woman world champion, Vera Menchik. White:—Miss Menchik Black:—A. Rubinstein English Opening. 1 P-K4 2 P-K3 3 P-Q4 4 P-Q4 5 P-Q4 6 P-Q4 7 P-K3 8 P-K3 9 P-K3 10 P-K3 11 P-K3 12 P-K3 13 P-K3 14 P-K3 15 P-K3 16 P-K3 17 P-K3 18 P-K3 19 P-K3 20 P-K3 21 P-K3 22 P-K3 23 P-K3 24 P-K3 25 P-K3 26 P-K3 27 P-K3 28 P-K3 29 P-K3 30 P-K3 31 P-K3 32 P-K3 33 P-K3 34 P-K3 35 P-K3 36 P-K3 37 P-K3 38 P-K3 39 P-K3 40 P-K3 41 P-K3 42 P-K3 43 P-K3 44 P-K3 45 P-K3 46 P-K3 47 P-K3 48 P-K3 49 P-K3 50 P-K3 51 P-K3 52 P-K3 53 P-K3 54 P-K3 55 P-K3 56 P-K3 57 P-K3 58 P-K3 59 P-K3 60 P-K3 61 P-K3 62 P-K3 63 P-K3 64 P-K3 65 P-K3 66 P-K3 67 P-K3 68 P-K3 69 P-K3 70 P-K3 71 P-K3 72 P-K3 73 P-K3 74 P-K3 75 P-K3 76 P-K3 77 P-K3 78 P-K3 79 P-K3 80 P-K3 81 P-K3 82 P-K3 83 P-K3 84 P-K3 85 P-K3 86 P-K3 87 P-K3 88 P-K3 89 P-K3 90 P-K3 91 P-K3 92 P-K3 93 P-K3 94 P-K3 95 P-K3 96 P-K3 97 P-K3 98 P-K3 99 P-K3 100 P-K3



Antiques

New fashions for the old

Antiques Magnus's biography of Edward, then turn to the books and magazines of the period itself. To Brighton recently I bought for £5 the two large volumes of Living London, a book edited by George R. Sims in 1902. It contains fascinating illustrated articles on "Board School London", the Italian colony in London, restaurants, the then new Turkish bath in Jersey Street, the auction rooms, the markets, the social settlements, the art schools, museums, lunatic asylums, newspapers, hospitals and so on. Now you are ready to open Philippe Garner's book to look at contemporary photographs of examples of Edwardiana recently on the shelves. You will notice that the prevailing style is still Art Nouveau—not the voluptuously curving Nouveau of the 1890s, but the moral-fibre, rectilinear Nouveau of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Posters are an important ingredient of the period, by John Hassall, Dudley Hardy, the Beggarstaff Brothers in England, and by Will Bradley and Maxfield Parrish in America. (These can be bought at Lords Gallery, 25 Wellington Road, NW8.) Among other Edwardiana illustrated by Mr Garner are gesso, tempera and mother-of-pearl panels by Frederick and Pickford Marriott, about 1902; ruby-glazed pottery by Maw, and wicker in the style of Pilkington; cosy cot furniture by Ambrose Heal; an unpollished oak; a mahogany display cabinet of gleeful vulgarity by Pratts of Bradford, with inlays in pewter, fruitwood and mother-of-pearl; epicene bronzes by Sir Alfred Gilbert; "penny toys" and o 1910 Teddy bear; William Neathy's tiles for the Food Hall at Har- rod's (1904) and, among the architectural gems, the tea foyer at the Ritz (1904), Belfast City Hall (1906) and the RAC swimming bath (1908-11), beloved of Sir John Betjeman. C. E. Montague once wrote that the best way to learn about English literature was to select an author at a time and make a thorough study of him. The same rule applies to learning about antiques. One Edwardian artist you might specialize in is the revolutionary silversmith C. R. Ashbee (1863-1942), who was the son of that Henry Spencer Ashbee who wrote a three-volume bibliography of erotic books. Mr Ben Weinreb, the book dealer of Great Russell Street, has just reissued an edition of Ashbee's Modern English Silversmith (1908); some of Ashbee's works illustrated in the book now fetch high prices at auction or in shops such as John Jesse's, Church Street, Kensington. However, a collection of Edwardiana, truly representative of that self-indulgent and

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Harry Golombek

Harry Golombek I am sometimes asked "What do you think will be the next fashion in antiques? What should we be collecting now, before it becomes expensive?" Such questions may irritate the purist art historian, but histori- cally: for the antiques which become fashionable (or which the art historians subject to their often loveless scrutiny) themselves reveal just such fashions in play. For example, the haroque is based on a fash- ion for works of the Renais- sance, while works of the Renaissance were affected by the fashion for classical antiquity. So the art historian purism are rather like the political historians who scorn "journalism" and then pore over past files of The Times to learn about Gladstone or Dis- raeli. In the past 10 years, we have seen the successive fash- ions for Art Nouveau and Art Deco; and, as I have already said in this column, I am con- vinced that the next fashion will be for the artefacts of Austerlitz/Binge, the style of the 1940s and 1950s. But where does fashion go from there? I am sure that "antiques" of the 1960s and 1970s will eventually be collected—especially "psychedelic" posters, beads, manna relics, record sleeves and underground magazines—but a decent interval is needed for nostalgia to set in. I there- fore predict a plunge back into the more distant past. It might be into the Middle Ages, with carvings of wood and stone; but such works are rare and expensive, and a leering gar- goyle or corbel does not neces- sarily sort well with G-Ploo shelves. A period offering a more copious and cheaper range of antiques is likely, and at present all the signs are that the fashion after Austerlitz/Binge will be for Edwardiana. Mr Philippe Garner, the chief expert at Sotheby's, Bel- gravia, on Art Nouveau and Art Deco, has been quick off the mark with an excellent book, The World of Edward- iano (Hamlyn, £1.95—a bar- gain price). But the signs of a developing interest in the Edwardian period have been there to read for the past five years, with the publication of books such as Dudley Barker's Prominent Edwardians (Allen & Unwin, 1969, £2.25); J. B. Priestley's The Edwardians (now in paperback, Sphere Books, £1.95); Anita Leslie's Edwardians in Love (also in paperback, Arrow Books, £1.95); and, most recently, Nicolas Bentley's charming Edwardian Album (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.50). Those who decide to collect Edwardiana before the craze gathers momentum should begin schooling themselves. The first step should be to read the general books listed above, together with Sir Philip

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THIS IS SCOTLAND The haunting beauty of the Scottish scene in 1974. The Royal Festival Hall presents a series of Scottish music and dance.

LONDON SYMPHONY Concerto in D minor, Op. 45. Beethoven. Piano Concerto in C minor, Op. 24. Liszt. Piano Concerto in G minor, Op. 58. Liszt.

DON QUIXOTE Colour film of the ballet with music by Ludwig Minkus. Directed by Rudolf Nureyev. Australian Ballet Performance.

LONDON SYMPHONY David Oistrakh Memorial Concert. Brahms: Variations on a theme of Haydn. Mozart: Piano Concerto in C minor, K. 491. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 54.

ORGAN RECITAL Bach: Prelude & Fugue in G major, BWV 577. Fugue in G major, BWV 578. Fugue in G major, BWV 579.

CHARLES BENBOW Lancelotti: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra. Royal Festival Hall.

BBC SYMPHONY Romeo & Juliet. A Dramatic Symphony. Pierre Boulez. British Broadcasting Corporation.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY CHORUS Mozart: Piano Concerto in E flat major, K. 455. The Pianoists.

THE TYROLESE TONI PRAXMAIR'S Tyrolean Singers. Schupplatter Dances: Yodeling Songs. Zither Music.

AMADEUS QUARTET Brahms: Quartet in A minor, Op. 68 No. 2. Solo Piano Group.

CLIFFORD CURZON Schubert: Sonata in F minor, Op. 52. Ibbes & Tillett.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 in A major, Op. 93. Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat major, Op. 101.

BUCAREST PHILHARMONIC Enescu: Romanian Rhapsody No. 2. Mihai Bredeanu. Solo Violin.

LONDON SYMPHONY Smetana: Vltava (Ma Vlast). Walter Walter. Piano Concerto No. 2.

ORGAN RECITAL HEINZ WUNDERLICH Bach: Toccata in G, BWV 564. Toccata in D minor, BWV 565. Toccata in F, BWV 540.

BBC SYMPHONY Mahler: Symphony No. 3. BBC Singers/Choral Society. Pierre Boulez. Yvonne Milton.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC Walton: Overture, Portsmouth. Delius: Violin Concerto. Brahms: Symphony No. 3.

PIANO RECITAL ALFRED BRENDEL Liszt: Benediction de Dieu dans la Solitude. Schubert: Impromptus, Op. 93. Beethoven: Bagatelles, Op. 126.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

SWINGLES The Programme includes Madrigals & works by Bach, Handel, Lattin, McCartney, Paul Simon, Michael LaGrand, Tom Jones. Guest artists: Urdubamba.

MARTIN TIERNO Piano Recital Schubert: Sonata in G, Op. 78. Schubert: Sonata in G, Op. 78. Schubert: Sonata in G, Op. 78.

MASH ENSEMBLE Mozart: Overture in E flat for horn, violin, viola and cello. Bartok: Concerto for flute, cello & piano. Schubert: Quintet in G, Op. 143.

VERIVIVIS ENSEMBLE Schubert: Sonata in F, K. 570. Schubert: Sonata in F, K. 570. Schubert: Sonata in F, K. 570.

ALBERTI STRING QUARTET Thomas Ligeti: Quartet in A, Op. 46. Schubert: Quartet in F, D. 688.

ERIKO MELKIS ENSEMBLE Lionel Salter (harpichord). Urdubamba. Schubert: Sonata in C, B. 91. Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Paganini.

JEROME ROSE Piano Recital Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 in G major, Op. 15. Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E major, Op. 111.

LONDON SINFONETTA Gary Bertini (cond.). Armstrong, London. Lyndon, London. Lyndon, London. Lyndon, London.

OWENHETH PRYOR Piano Recital Beethoven: Sonata in G, Op. 78. Schubert: Sonata in G, Op. 78. Schubert: Sonata in G, Op. 78.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Raymond Leppard (conductor). John Willingham. Raymond Leppard. Christopher Mifflin. Neil Black. John Willingham. Raymond Leppard. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.

MICHAEL GARRICK SEKTET Michael Garrick (piano). The Mobius Suite (after J. R. R. Tolkien). Royal Festival Hall.

VERMER QUARTET Mozart: Quartet in B flat, K. 589. Mendelssohn: Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81. Schubert: Quartet in E flat, D. 80.

PHILHARMONIC David Lattin (cond.). Yvonne Milton, Bernard Dickson, John Willingham, John Willingham, John Willingham.

WALTER KLIEN Piano Recital Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn. Mozart: Piano Concerto in C minor, K. 491. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 54.

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (cond.). Ann-Marie Connors, Elizabeth Hunt, Danielle Salomon, Masari Violin Concerto, K. 455. Piano Concerto in G, K. 455.

WILLEM BRONS Piano Recital Handel: Air and variations in G flat. Schubert: Drei Klavierstücke. Handg. Op. 109. Beethoven: Variations on a Waltz by Diabelli, Op. 120.

PURCELL ROOM - continued

MUSICA ANTICA E NUOVA. Wednesday 13 November 7.30 p.m. Musica Antica e Nuova. Musica Antica e Nuova.

STEPHEN PRUSLIN Piano Recital. Friday 15 November 7.30 p.m. Stephen Pruslin La Valse. Stephen Pruslin La Valse.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

TONI PRAXMAIR'S TYROLESE SINGERS & DANCERS. The Anglo-Austrian Music Society and Victor Hochhauser presents.

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER at 8 p.m. In aid of St. Peter's Research Trust. ALFRED BRENDEL.

Monday, 25 November, 8 p.m. Polyphonia presents ELGAR'S 'CARACTACUS'.

TONIGHT at 7.45 SWINGLE II. The New Swingle Singers.

TOMORROW EVENING at 7.15 THE NASH ENSEMBLE.

SCHUBERT'S QUINTET in A, D. 667 (The Trout). For piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass.

EDUARD MELKUS ENSEMBLE. With LIONEL SALTER (harpichord). VIRTUOSO MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE.

LONDON SINFONETTA. Conductor: Gary Bertini. Soloists: Sheila Armstrong, Graham London, Philip Langridge, Maureen Titus.

VERMEER QUARTET. Leader: Samuel Ashbell. making their London debut.

PHILOMUSICA. YITKIN SEOW, BERNARD DICKERSON. Conductor: DAVID LITTAUR.

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Conductor: HARRY BLECH. ANN-MARIE CONNORS soprano, ELIZABETH HUNT violin.

MOURA LYMPANY. Oreste Sutherland mezzo-soprano, ROGER VIGNOLES piano.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE. THE ROYAL OPERA. Monday next, November 15, 19, 23 at 7.

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Strings to Massenet's bow

Richard Bonyage's enthusiasm for the operas of Jules Massenet was bound to bear fruit—in fact the time may well be ripe for a thorough re-examination of this unfashionable composer's 26 songs.

Esclarmonde was composed in 1889, between Manon and Werther, and remained Massenet's favourite work throughout his career. He wrote it as a showcase for his young protégée Sibyl Sanderson (who, appropriately enough, was born in Sacramento, California).

Esclarmonde was written for an age of operatic opulence that we will doubtless never see again, and clearly the stage picture was intended to complement and mirror the luxuriant music. Beni Montresor's sets for the San Francisco production offered a reasonable modern compromise: elaborate painted drops washed in a haze of pastel watercolours.

The Pay Off Comedy

Imagine an obscure civil servant who has been leaving away to the Treasury for 25 years, and who one day discovers that the several million of the nation's idols have been illegally salting away their riches in Swiss banks; and that he has them at his mercy.

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Appearing improbably under the banner of the Goethe Institute as part of the German Facet programme, the Rote Rübe is a Munich theatre collective that takes its name from the fable of the enormous turnip that nobody could uproot until everyone pulled together.

Troy-Game Sadler's Wells

The emphasis in the title of Robert North's new work, Troy-Game, must be put on the second syllable. It starts as if it is going to be one of those numbers full of high and empty heroism, with a man shouting to sing, swinging his arms in a walkie pose and shouting "Ha!"

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The element of virile display is not abandoned altogether. North's own solo, for instance, contains some strikingly slow soaring turns in the air. The piece is a good pseudo-folk dance in the finale when the rig of six men take turns to jump over their neighbour's swinging leg.

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The anonymous costumes are hardly the most flattering that could be devised, especially the woolly leg-warmers from ankle to knee, but the cross between archaic warriors' gear and modern football kit was presumably meant to reinforce the comic effect.

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In Paul Taylor's Duet, which opened the programme last night, North and Linda Gibbs seemed to concentrate too much on the steps. In this dance, inspired by a Rodin exhibition, line and mass are more important. Also, in all the works, the lighting looked less good than the company has accustomed us to expect during earlier seasons in other theatres; but the live orchestra at the Wells is a real benefit.

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In the first place, to hear the mighty opening movement and passionate Scerzo played so accurately, fluently and with such textural clarity: tunes stood out from accompaniments and tone colouring was varied enough to create an effect of keyboard orchestration. Moreover, throughout this work Mr Simon seemed to be reliving Brahms's own experience.

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For the Andante he found a nicely flowing tempo that still allowed time for loving details of phrasing: the person who chose to open his packet of 'cough lozenges' at the profoundest moment of the coda should suffer life banishment from this hall. In the finale Mr Simon's sustained impetus went a long way towards disguising its episodic construction.



Joan Sutherland and Giacomo Aragall.

Esclarmonde's father Porcas, brought a rich basso sonority to a rather thankless declamatory role, while Huguenin, Tourangeau, William Harness and Robert Kerns contributed brief but telling vignettes. Bonyage's conducting had its familiar virtues of loving care and deep commitment to music that he thoroughly believes in.

Art and the people

Music from the Flames BBC 1 tomorrow

Alan Blyth

"Art must be addressed to the people" is Shostakovich's foremost message in this revealing Omnibus film about the composer's life and music. He goes on to say that he always tries to reach the people by using clear language: "Sometimes I succeed, sometimes not".

Art and the people

The row over Katerina Ismailova in the 1930s ("I was grateful for well-meant criticism; it's useful and needed") and the fall from grace in the late forties have undoubtedly left their mark physically and mentally on the composer, but he has now more or less resolved the dilemma posed to writing at once patriotic works and music that truly comes from his heart.

Art and the people

He describes how he thinks a lot before putting pen to paper, but once at his desk the notes fall fast and furious. He is his own severest critic and now says that he has almost achieved satisfaction that kept the fourth symphony from being heard for so many years.

Art and the people

This interview spread out through the programme is his most cogent reason for the praise from friends and colleagues becomes a little fulsome, although his son Maxim is shown not only as a totally involved interpreter of his father's music but as a fluent advocate for it verbally, and David Oistrakh's brief contribution is welcome but a sad reminder of our loss in his death.

Art and the people

Norman Kay's script is authoritative, but there is more than a suspicion in several places that some of it has been altered to fit a more optimistic view of the composer's achievement than Mr Kay's own. Such may have been the price of Soviet cooperation. If so, it raises certain ethical questions too detailed to be discussed here.

Art and the people

Jan Engelmann, the producer, almost entirely resists the temptation, having gone to Moscow and Leningrad to film of using the music as mere background to an attractive travelogue. Inevitably the musical snippets give an unsatisfactory idea of the composer's achievement, an important part of which is his genius for thematic development over a wide span of time. Some archive-film of Shostakovich playing is invaluable; so is the excellent employment of old stills.

'Schoenberg Today'

The Anglo-Austrian Music Society is promoting two Purcell Room programmes under the title "Schoenberg Today" to celebrate the composer's centenary. On Monday at 7.30 there will be a Composers Forum consisting of Martin Dalby, Nicholas Maw, Humphrey Searle, Roger Slavin, Ronald Stevenson and Hugh Wood. On November 18, at 5.55, Pierre Boulez talks to Peter Stadlen.

Good Food Guide

A hint of East Anglian promise

Roughly speaking the message of our last article was "westward, look, the land is bright". Pickings in the other direction are thinner, for gastronomic dawns in East Anglia break very slowly indeed. Although Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire have sheltered restaurants of high individuality, not to say risk (one thinks of André Arama at Swavesey and of the rival kitchens at Fressingfield and Brockdish), the rooming is now being made by metropolitan colonists.

According to those who have nominated it for the next year, the Fish Restaurant, owned by Norfolk Sea Farms Ltd, whose own smoked fish (salmon, trout, mackerel, eel, cod's roe) can be bought to take away, or consumed at the simple cork-topped tables on the premises, which are served by "young, keen, rather amateur, rather well-spoken waitresses". There is crab pâté, and cold cucumber or fish soups to begin with, home-cured sausage or ham for fish-haters, and a small but imaginative list of sweets (citron cream, apricot and almond flan).

A critical inspector found Nicholas and Wendy Wilton's steak "tasteful" chaises pressées and coffee dismal. Many others, though, have written to praise such dishes as smoked South-wold mackerel in cream sauce, mushrooms à la grecque, loin of pork provençal, honed duck with cherries, home-made ice-creams and a chocolate mousse "tinged with rum". Adams has beer in bottles (try Broadside or Fisherman's Ale) is there to lure Campaign for Real Ale fans out of the public houses near by; Domaine de la Borie or white Touraine ordinaires are £1 for a pint.

Gardening Weatherwise

As always when I ask for help some kind readers come to my assistance. Two weeks ago I mentioned the fig Brouet Hall and said I did not know of a source of trees of this variety. A reader kindly informed me that it is offered by Jackman's Nurseries Ltd, Woking, Surrey, and I have checked with the firm that it does have a supply of trees at the moment.

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Back in Suffolk, in the little market town of Halesworth (about eight miles from Southwold), Stewart Bassett is running a restaurant (Bassett's) in conjunction with a delicatessen in his sixteenth-century converted bakery. Early reports promise well: avocado moussé; veal cutlets stewed in sherry with cheese and onion, accompanied by buttery, minted new potatoes and a good salad; lemon and blackcurrant-lead sorbet. Sea and river fish are the speciality, with pâté, poultry, boned-and-stuffed game, and home-made bread.

This year we are using leaves instead of straw. The means, of course, laying out netting over the leaves to keep them from blowing away. Still, I am prepared to go to a lot of trouble for my globe artichokes as we are very fond of them, and throughout the season they will be 20p a head in our local shops.

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Southwold itself has its Dutch Barn at the south end of town, a shining white building from the 18th century. It is rarely days yet, for jacket potatoes. Judgment must be suspended on the dinner.

It is, however, a rather spartan spot compared with sophisticated and lovely Courmayeur, at the Italian end of the Mont Blanc tunnel—the place where the Italians do their winter weekending. One-week package holidays to Italian resorts this winter start at about £44.

It is a moot point whether it is better to undercarpet shrub with ground cover, or to put a layer of several inches of fallen leaves over the ground every year. Some ground covering plants, like large leaved ivies, are obliged enough to hide fallen leaves these are switched about, that they fall under the foliage.

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New Covent Garden

a Special Report



An escape from all those central traffic jams

by Patrick O'Leary

Lata tomorrow night the first loads of produce are expected at New Covent Garden. One motive above all others has driven the market from Central London to Nine Elms, two and a half miles away.

This is the need to escape daily traffic jams caused by thousands of vehicles converging on a site designed for the horse and cart. So, at the new market, close to the south bank of the Thames at Vauxhall, drivers will find much of the 68 acres reserved for their use.

Vehicle parks and waiting space for 2,000 lorries and 1,000 cars are joined by a network of one-way private roads serving the fruit and vegetable market, flower halls and associated office buildings. Years of planning have gone into the quest for a quick, efficient turnaround of about a million tons of fresh produce a year.

The latest official estimate for the total cost of the move was £37m. The figure seems likely to rise to at least £40m. Some £9m will come from a government grant; £5m has been agreed as the price the Greater London Council should pay for the bulk of the property owned by the Covent Garden Market Authority in its old quarters. The authority is negotiating the sale of a further area the Royal Opera House would like for extending its premises.

Most traffic will enter the new market from Nine Elms Lane, then pass through an open vehicle park and up the railway viaduct which cuts through the site. To the right is a small block of offices, including a control headquarters. Staff there have

closed-circuit television for monitoring traffic, and keeping security watch in co-operation with patrols carrying walkie-talkie radio sets. Behind the offices is a multi-storey car park, while ahead lie the twin parallel halls of the fruit and vegetable building, each more than 400yds long. A covered bridge runs from the car park to the nearest wing, and bridges also link the two halves of the market.

This is not just to keep customers and traders dry. It gives a clear run to lorries delivering or picking up produce down the length of the buildings. Canopies protect these loading bays.

Head baskets are already part of Covent Garden history, and trolleys are likely to follow them into the past at the new market. For lift trucks will take over—a service and maintenance depot will operate at Nine Elms—but one supplier said ruefully: "There is reluctance among small traders to invest in lifting equipment." So it is unlikely that manual labour will disappear entirely.

Unloading bays are at the back of the premises used by fruit and vegetable traders. At the front these shops face each other across a central buyers' way, with produce on display in front of the shutters in traditional fashion. Customers should still be able to assess the market after one brisk walk round.

Spiral staircases rise from shop floors to traders' offices at mezzanine level above. Rear windows overlook the storage and unloading space.

Frontage widths can be as narrow as 10ft, but most are 15ft 6in, or multiples of

15ft 6in, a figure based on easy handling of pallets. All have 24ft clearance for stacking.

Although buildings were designed in metres, imperial measures were used for specifying dimensions of premises to tenants. An official said: "Market men are used to kilos and other metric measures, but it was felt that when it came to floor space they would visualise feet quicker than metres."

Bars, restaurants, and cafés are being provided in the two bridges connecting the halls. The Covent Garden Market Authority says: "There are no reliable statistics about the requirement of market workers for food and drink, and it is accordingly possible that the first months of operation will indicate the need for some adjustments in the catering pattern."

Certainly, as with most modern developments, the ration of bars—two—seems ludicrously small, especially when compared with the rich variety of public houses surrounding Covent Garden. At least workers will still be able to buy a drink at 6 a.m.

However, an official said: "There is not much drinking now. It is rare to see somebody sloshed. Often people from outside the trade use market pubs."

Space has also been allocated for shops, and offices for buyers and others who need to be close to the trading site. There are showrooms for porters.

Long closed vehicles and those carrying containers will be unloaded at a special bulk handling point separate from

the balls. Closer to them is a long covered stand for grower salesmen. These can now drive their lorries under the stand to sell direct from them with the aid of small office kiosks.

The rest of the market can be reached through another railway underpass. This leads to the three-acre flower market, topped by a roof light in colour and in substance.

According to the authority, "flower traders were unanimous that their business should be carried out in a single large hall. It is a sight to make an exhibition organizer envious in a London short of modern halls."

The central space is for the sale of cut flowers and pot plants, divided up by movable aluminium stock-adding round the premises of traders. The perimeter of the hall has storage rooms and accommodation for sellers of horticultural sundries, country order departments, and other activities connected with flower growing.

Temperature control, air filtering, and maintenance of constant pressure in the hall are aided by air-locked doors. At mezzanine level round the walls are offices, linked by a walkway, glass-lined on the side, overlooking the selling area. In time this viewing platform could become a tourist attraction.

The authority hopes to start a small museum with some of the articles discarded by traders leaving the old market. Although coffee stalls are not expected to move to Nine Elms, a refreshment caravan will serve the floral hall.

Cars can be parked under-



This weekend, after more than three centuries in the heart of London, Covent Garden market moves to its new 68-acre home at Nine Elms, SW8 (above). Other pictures show traffic brought to a standstill by a porters' strike in 1924; a fruit importer preparing to open shop for the first time at Nine Elms; and a conversation piece outside the old Floral Hall.

The architect for the new building is the Gollins Melvin Ward Partnership.

from Spain, and the podium will have shops, a public house, and a restaurant overlooking the Thames. Office staff will often go to visit the fruit and vegetable area, so an internal service will run round the whole market. The new hall will use a different and underpass from that traffic coming from the side of the tracks.

For communications of more complicated kind Post Office is providing more than 50 telex points, with the installation of telephone lines, has kept engineers busy. The exit from the market to Vauxhall Cross, Vauxhall Bridge, Bus 1 site, and Vauxhall Underground and railway station are a short walk away.

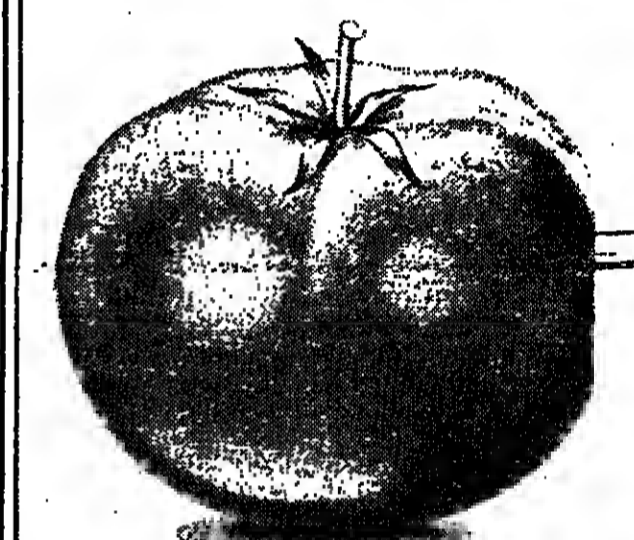
With so much done, drivers, one thing has to be done unhappy. Charges be levied on vehicles entering the market, according to size, and there will be parking fees.

The authority argues this will keep out men of the public buying just boxes, who are not wanted in a wholesale market. It also says provision of parking represents a part of the cost.

The authority considers it equitable to spread the cost among market users benefit directly, the so-called "buyers", an official said. "It will be more than offset by the saving in turnover and a decrease of need for unofficial payments made in the present market."

However, the authority agreed to waive the entry charges until Jan 1, although car-parking will operate from the beginning.

It seems a little time for a new market, with the equipment and new ideas, a new location, to retail old name. Instead of the opportunity to come pithy Nine 1 traders chose the title Covent Garden Market. Not even the gift of sapling elms from the Royal Bureau of Fruit Vegetables Auctions in the Netherlands changed resolve. There was a few days after the monial planting when body said they looked moving in. Banks have also but an expert declare taken space, including two was well.



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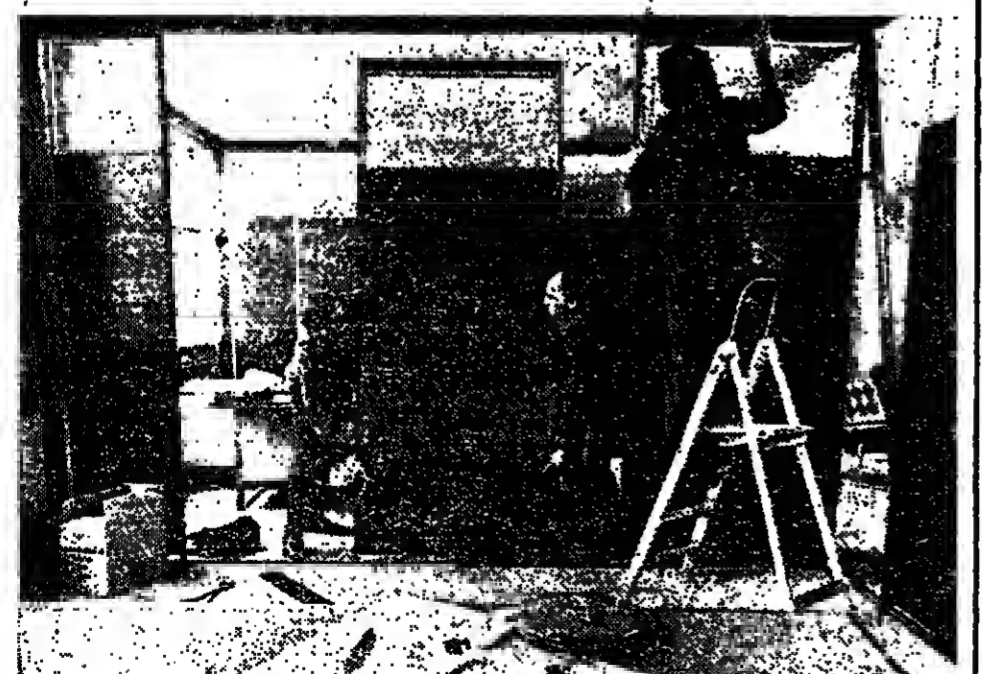
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Of the 70 firms moving to Nine Elms one employer said: "I am convinced their earnings will increase substantially through piece-work. But the whole operation will have to be kept under constant review."

The employer went on: "The absence of congestion will create peaks. There may be pressure to employ more and more people to meet a peak of three or four hours, as has happened at the new market outside Paris."

"At Covent Garden produce starts arriving about 11 at night. Buyers begin work about 5am, but goods are still going out at 2pm. Probably the new market after eight we may be looking for a job."

It has been suggested that New Covent Garden might eventually become an after-noon market. But Mr Allen said they did not want to make too many radical changes at once.

He said the move meant a general shake-up in London's fruit and vegetable markets. Some firms had decided not to go to the new site and one or two had withdrawn at the last minute. But some firms from other markets at Spitalfields and the Borough would be there.

Competition with what used to be Brentford market had eased, because this had now moved to Heston and become the Western International Market.

Turning to international comparisons, Mr Allen said: "The market in Europe that is closest to ours is the one in Paris. One thing distinguishing our market is how compact it is."

"Most of those in Europe and North America are all too big, land there is comparatively cheap. For effective marketing and pricing you want somewhere that is compact, yet with adequate space for distribution."

"By looking at other markets you learn what not to

do, even though what they are doing may be right for them." He thought the only market in hand comparable to New Covent Garden was planned for Sydney, Australia.

All produce for Covent Garden covers at least the last lap of its journey by road, and this will not alter at Nine Elms. It is close to the South Circular Road.

A viaduct carrying the main Waterloo to Clapham Junction railway line bisects the site. Beside the line land has been reserved for a railhead to serve the market. But whether British Rail will open one depends on the future of the Channel tunnel. Arches under the viaduct are being converted into storage space for market firms.

At present, Mr Allen said, only 10 to 15 per cent of produce sold was carried to London by rail. He added: "Most of that arrives at London, and is then brought on by lorry."

Because everyone was waiting for a decision on the Channel tunnel, he said, there had not been much development of train ferries, and hauliers had switched to roll-on, roll-off lorry services. One weekend he had counted 28 continental lorries in the market, and they came from as far away as Hungary and Turkey.

"If there was a Channel tunnel, a whole trainload of peaches from Bologna could be delivered in 10 hours."

Mr Donald Mack, president of the Covent Garden Tenants Association and Master of the Fruiteers Company, said traders naturally had mixed feelings about the move. "There is a lot of nostalgia about leaving the area."

"Over the years people have got resigned to the change, but they are worried about the cost. The trader is faced with a much higher rent and with very large capital investment in fitting out premises and equipping them, with materials handling gear."

Nevertheless, Mr Mack said he thought only seven or eight firms were not going to the new market. In several cases these were virtually one-man concerns, where the principal was coming to the end of his career and had taken the opportunity to retire.

Against those dropping

out, Mr Mack said an equal number of new firms had decided to open at the New Covent Garden. Some were entirely new, while others had traded at other markets and were opening branches at Nine Elms.

"A number of traders will find it very difficult to operate there," Mr Mack said. "These will not necessarily be confined to smaller firms. It will be a question of efficiency."

He went on: "The old market spread from a central area into surrounding streets. Some things became available in one part of the market, some in another. At the new market the positions for fruit and vegetable traders were drawn out of a hat."

"This means there is no segregation of produce. There are going to be winners and losers, if there are areas favoured by buyers."

The reasons for traders opting for a ballot to allocate premises was they were dicing on the future. Nobody was going to put his hand on his heart and say, given the choice, what site he would take."

Mr Mack said: "Opening the new market means moving part of the pattern of trade in London and South-east England. Nobody knows what this is going to mean."

He agreed that there had been an increase in buying on sample, with delivery direct from docks or producers. But in the main buyers wanted to see produce in bulk and take delivery from the market.

Covent Garden still has a very important part to play in regulating prices for other markets," he said. "Because of its size it tends to even out the balance of supply and demand. In some markets an extra load, or one short, can affect prices."

From the point of view of the public he did not think the new market, in itself, would increase or reduce prices. "What it will do is give them fresher produce. More will be on sale to shops the same day it reaches the market."

Mr Mack said he hoped there would be less pilfering, but experience at other new markets did not bear this out. "Traders could lose pallet-loads instead of two or three boxes," he added.

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Design ventures studied in attempt to combine looks and efficiency

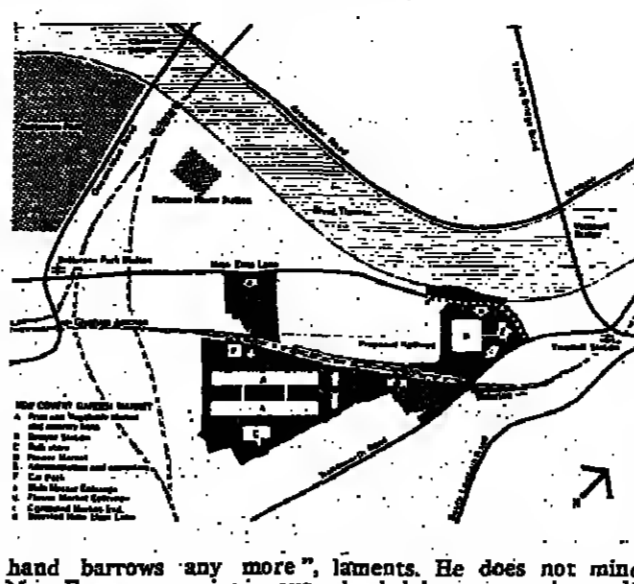
Young Reporter

Two basic questions were asked about the market at Nine Elms: 'Will it be good and will it be a mess?' The first might be less important. 'Will we be going to live with it for several generations because it happens a hitherto unfashionable south of the river there is every reason to believe it should not become a mess on Airport. It is expected to be a major attraction in the area.'

ing or defending, the new buildings on aesthetic grounds, and the market must be given a few months to settle down before the drivers and porters start wishing they were back jamming Floral Street and King Street with their lorries and barrows.

ine the architects' proposals to see if they were a practical proposition. 'In 80 per cent of the cases we undertake, we have to revamp the architects' drawings', another MMM official pointed out. 'There are potentially huge savings in the remaining 20 per cent, where the parameter is planned first.'

enable juggernauts to turn round and manoeuvre comfortably. MMM also claim that they had to fight for flexibility and 'to make sure that the structure fitted the requirements and not the other way round'. Mr Freeman put forward the idea of a basic 15ft module which could be multiplied indefinitely to fit traders' needs.



France seizes its chance with apples

by Bill Sandford

The collective value of Britain's fruit and vegetable imports for 1973 was £478m—a rise of £116m over the previous year. However, this soaring expenditure is a mark of inflation: it does not indicate a comparable rise in import tonnage, and Britain remains in the relegation zone of the European league of per capita fruit consumption.

It sent Britain 50 per cent of the 120,000 tons consumed last year. The total has risen significantly over the past decade. Demand for lemons, too, increases each year. Banana imports remain remarkably constant. The bulk of the tonnage comes from Jamaica and the Windward Islands.

enough, while shipments from the southern hemisphere meet any requirements during the late winter and summer. As to fresh vegetables, Britain is far more self-sufficient. Only £26,000 tons, costing £94m, were imported in 1973, compared with 739,000 tons and £84m in the previous year. New potatoes, most of them from Cyprus, constituted more than a third of the 1973 tonnage. The small genuine "scraper" is confined to cargoes from the Canary Islands, Egypt and the Spanish mainland.

laments. He does not mind the bright orange air conditioning ducts, but the drainage pipes and electricity conduits "have turned it into a hotch-potch". However, architects are used to setbacks and to difficulties with officialdom, in this case in the shape of the GLC who were for some time exercised on the question of firewalls in the fruit and vegetable market. "The whole building is basically a very small unit multiplied 300 times", Mr Smith points out, "rather like a housing estate, I suppose."

Since then, apple imports controlled on a weight basis since the early 1950s. However, when Britain joined the EEC this was replaced by what is misleadingly known as a compensatory levy, giving British growers a declining tariff over the next five years. Since then, apple imports from France have risen sharply—chiefly from the district around the Loire, where growers who returned to their native land after Algeria were given independence have turned to deciduous fruit on a large scale. In 1973 France, now the largest European producer, exported 125,000 tons of apples to Britain, or twice the quantity shipped in the previous 12 months.

By far the most expensive item on Britain's shopping list is the tomato, mostly drawn from the Spanish mainland around Alicante and from the Canary Islands until some production begins to make itself felt in late May. Holland is another regular contributor throughout the summer, and is also responsible for the bulk of imported lettuce. From across the North Sea also come cucumbers to bolster the ever-decreasing production in Britain.

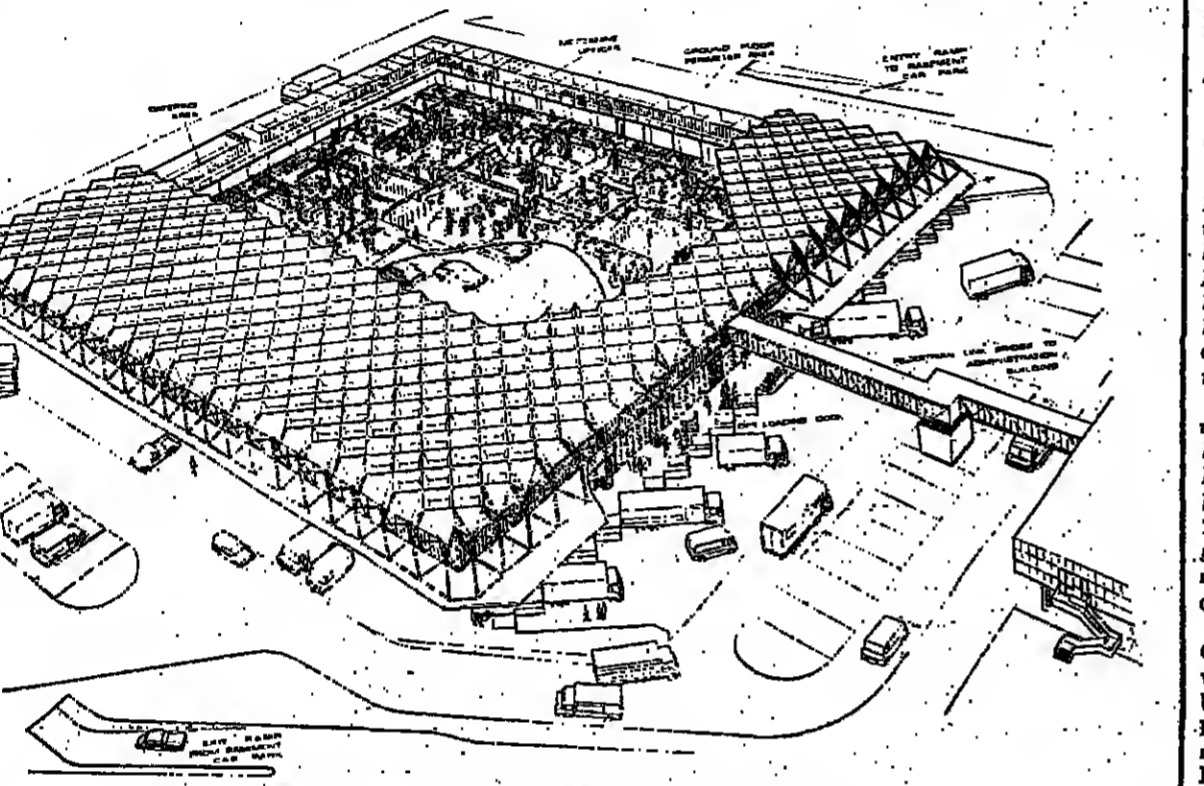
second consideration was the decision to move the market to the face of opposition, because it was not efficient in a South and certainly by or the Greater Council or anyone with better ideas of Covent which, sadly, they and still do not.

At the time the decision was made to move the market GMW were already involved in plans for extending the Royal Opera House, which may or may not have made them obvious candidates for the new task. At all events Mr Smith was briefed to undertake a study of similar markets abroad, as a result of which, he claims, plans did not begin to crystallize until 1968.

Mr Smith's researches persuaded GMW not to try to emulate the "prairie" approach of the French authorities in designing the vast new market on the northern fringes of Paris which has replaced Les Halles and several others. "One of our greatest difficulties was that the traders would not commit themselves to their requirements", he recalls. "But, so far as the fruit and vegetable market was concerned, our basic philosophy was to achieve a street characteristic with offices on the gallery above, where people could shout to each other and be more comfortable than they were at present."

Like Mr Smith, Mr Freeman travelled extensively abroad to study other markets. Mr Smith's main problem was to persuade the traders that the module system provided far more storage space than they had in the old market, even though their frontages might appear less imposing. MMM's trump card, when it came to internal design, was the long and detailed study they undertook of the existing Covent Garden market. For two months, with financial assistance from the Department of Trade and Industry, company representatives spent every night monitoring every movement and noting how efficiency might be improved. They also set up seminars for traders to persuade them of the advantages of modern methods of materials handling, which were fairly well attended.

Mr Smith ruefully surveys the aesthetic rape of GMW's beautiful roof. The criss-cross steel structure with its glass-reinforced polythene roof was "so beautiful", he



Mr Smith's impression of the new air-conditioned flower market.

Good routes make all the difference to early cabbages

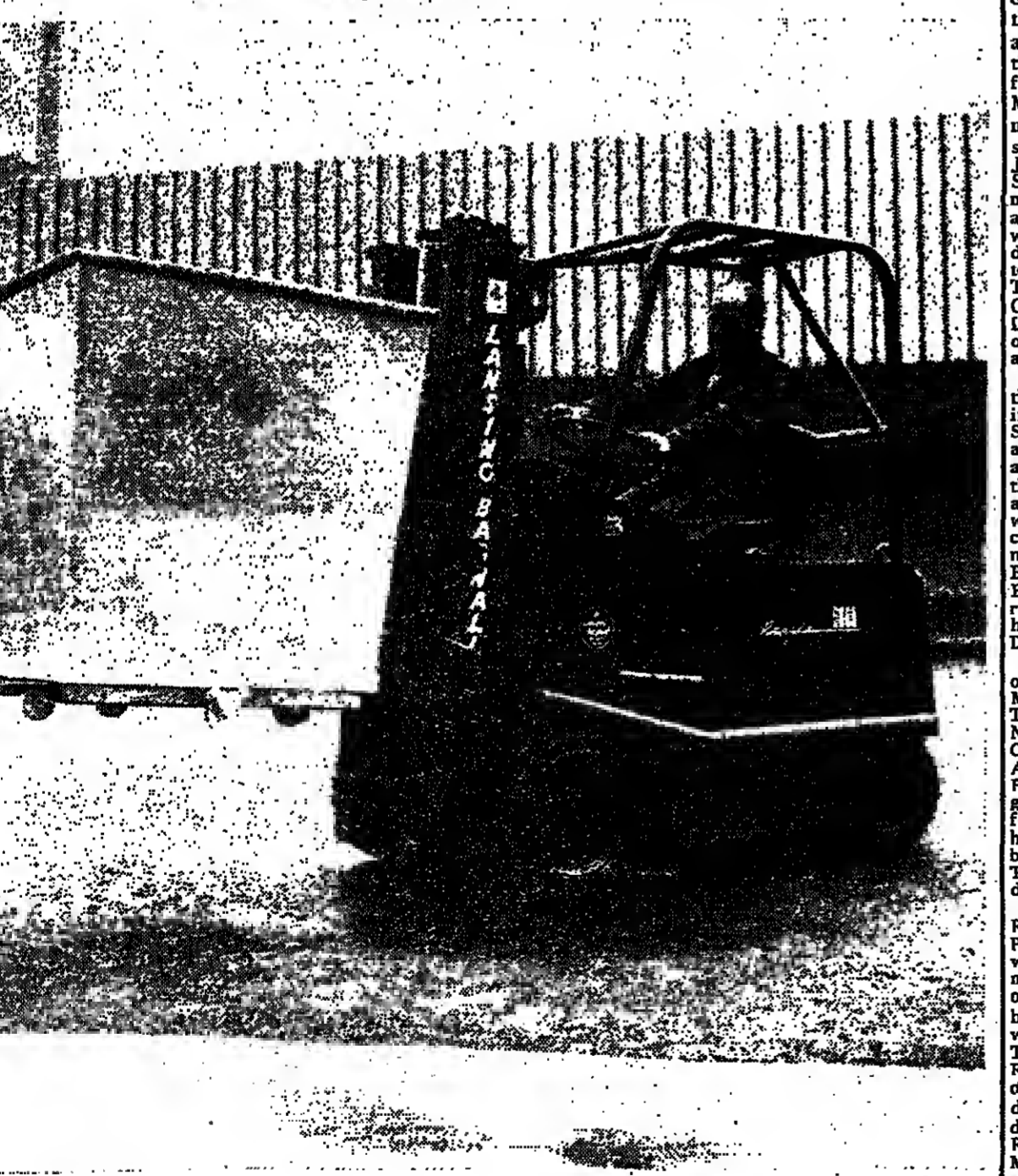
Despite the mainline railway viaduct that almost exactly bisects the new site, British Rail refuses to invest in the building of a railhead—at least until a decision is taken on the construction and route of the Charnel tunnel. The following Brief Lines which have fallen into the hands of our Planning Reporter may shed some light on this reluctance. Their authenticity is not guaranteed, neither is any resemblance to actual authorities, alive or otherwise.

Juggernauts, so that they could get some Bleeding Sleep at Night. But the Lords of British Rail were silent. They would, it was said, build a Terminal only if it could be proved to be Economically Viable, which meant that they wished to be allowed, at Vast Cost to the Exchequer, to build a Rail Link to connect with a Tunnel Under the Sea to Normandy so that British Housewives could buy Bleeding Belgian Cabbages for three times the Price they had hitherto been paying, but which would be Very Nice for the Belgians.

Rail Link should run through a mighty new Tunnel stretching all the way from White City to Normandy so that they should not suffer from the Noise and other Harassments. Here were at that time many Skepticks who scoffed at the Notion, and maintained that the Chances of the Tunnel ever being built were similar to those of a Donkey winning the Grand National, that its cost would pay for many more Concorde Aircraft than the Persians or the Chinese would ever need and, that the Whole Thing was a Gigantic Ruse to prevent the Normans under the Duc d'Esting from mounting another Invasion.

It was Noised Abroad that Discussions were taking place which were Most Secret and Highly Confidential and not to be Divulged to the Press on Pain of Instant Confinement for Life in a British Rail Buffat Car. What this Appeared to Mean was that My Lords of British Rail were prepared to build a Freight Terminal at Nine Elms only if the Great Secretary of State gave Permission for the Rail Link to Normandy; otherwise, it was said, only the Port of Southampton would make Use of such a Facility.

Paddock Wood in the County of Kent, which was a sore Affliction to the Men of Kent, since it meant that Produce was transferred from Trains to Juggernauts at all Hours of the Day and Night, and the Juggernauts experienced Great Difficulty in manoeuvring in the Narrow Lanes of that Region and there was again much Cursing and Vexation. Lastly, it was pointed out that the West London railway crossing the River Thames provided a Direct Connexion with the Northern Regions and Ports and that this Same Line was intended to form Part of the Rail Link, so that it made no Sense for My Lords of British Rail to claim that it could not be used for transporting Produce. Whereupon, a British Rail Minion declared that "He would have to Look This One Up". J.Y.

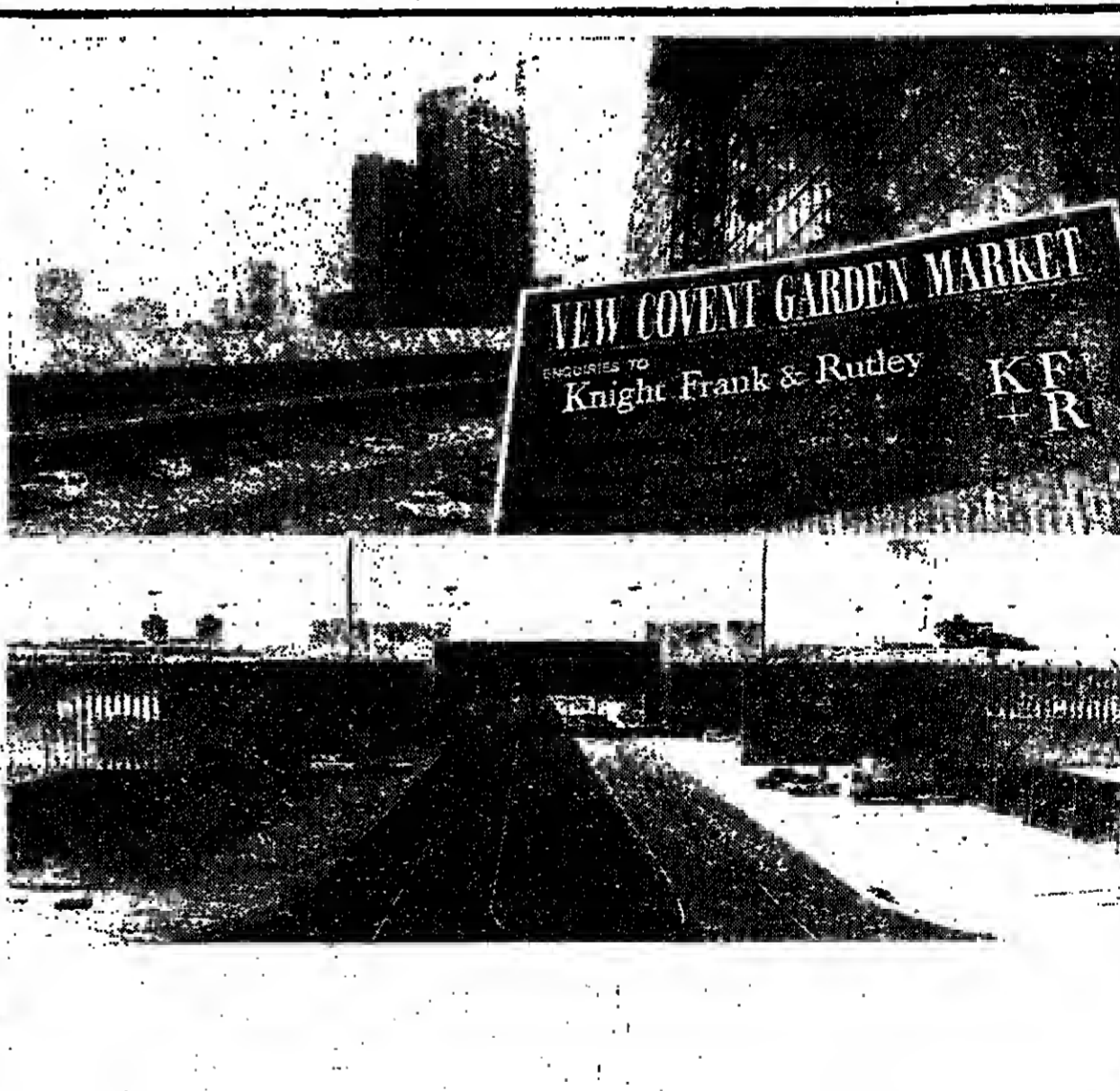


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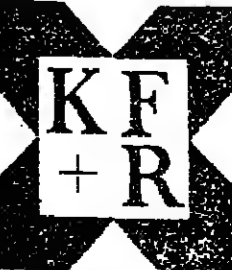
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George Hutchinson

Tories are still too close to the magic circle

Lord Chelmer, by profession a solicitor, is the Conservative Party's principal treasurer, the senior of three—and much besides. Over many years he has achieved exceptional personal influence within the National Union (embracing all the Tory associations in all constituencies) of which he is a former chairman and president. With insight he combines long experience.

Lord Chelmer now finds himself at the heart of a dispute that began 10 years ago. It is central to the views remain central to this day, though his role has changed in the interval. In 1964 and 1965 he foresaw some of the troubles that the Tories were likely to create for themselves by turning their backs on the "magic circle" and adopting what many believed to be a more democratic method of electing their leader.

Not that he was against the principle behind the innovation. But he recognized the flaws, the gaps, in the machinery proposed and eventually introduced. In that, he was more perceptive than most—perhaps all—of his better-known colleagues.

To understand what is now happening over the Tory leadership we need to look back. After nine years, an earlier argument is being resumed—but more forcefully, and with every likelihood of producing a different result.

It is not simply about who should be the leader, but about how and by whom he should be chosen. The magic circle dissolved itself, so to speak, when the Tory grandees of the day—those comprising the active leadership plus elder statesmen—decided to transfer their prerogative as king-makers to Conservative MPs, who would in future elect the leader alone and exclusively in a secret ballot.

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Parliament. While there has been disagreement over the correct interpretation of the findings, there is no disputing that widespread soundings were taken, not only in the parliamentary party but in all the areas and among such bodies as the Young Conservatives and the Tory trade unionists (who are, incidentally, more numerous than Labour will allow).

Many were taken by Lord Chelmer and Mrs Pease (now Dame Margaret) Shepherd, assisted by Sir John Howard, Sir Theo Constantine and other National Union officers. Thus the National Union was deeply involved in the event and the outcome: a deeply involved with the magic circle, that is to say only to be excluded from the proceedings when the latter surrendered its powers to members of the party in the House of Commons. To the National Union, thereby reduced in prestige and influence, it was a maddening, ironic twist of fortune.

As a result, the National Union played no real part in Mr Heath's election and the leadership of July, 1965, but merely an illusory role without substance, devised (though failing) to soothe ruffled feelings. While area chairmen and other members of the executive continued to express their opinions of the three contenders (Mr Heath, Mr Maudling and Mr Powell) their views counted for nothing. Nor did those of the 65 Tory peers consulted by Lord St Aldwyn, Opposition Chief Whip in the Lords. The only votes that counted were those of the 298 MPs (out of 304) who took part in the ballot.

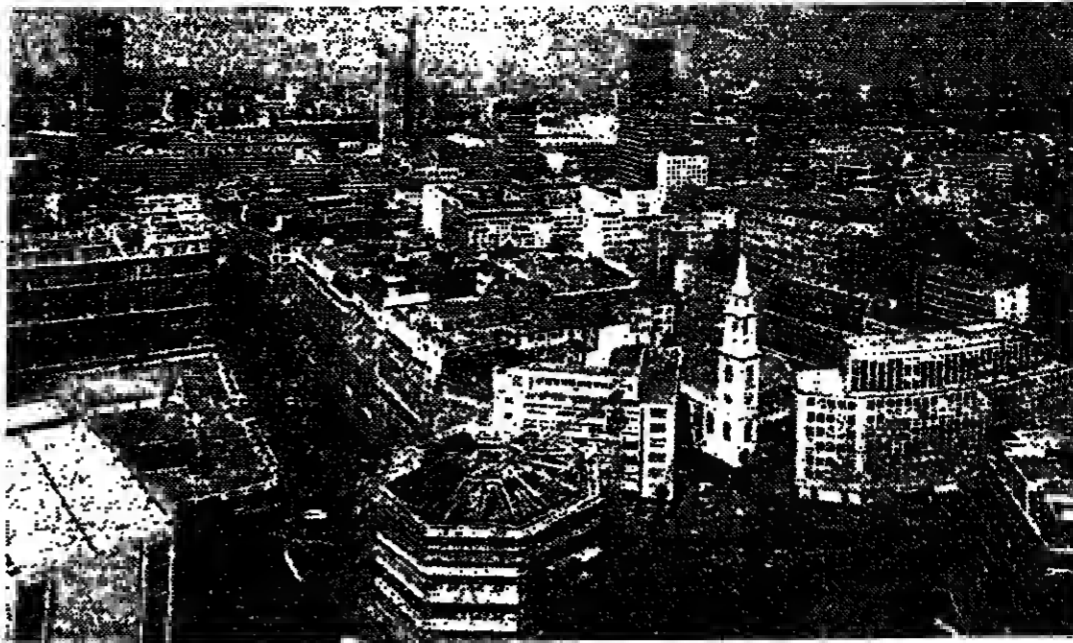
It need not have been so. With his usual instinct for the National Union, Lord Chelmer foresaw that to satisfy the party in the country the electoral college, if it was going to be enlarged at all, had better be enlarged still further. Accordingly, he put forward a memorandum advising that the choice of leader should be entrusted to an electoral body not of one but of three component parts, each with separate votes to be aggregated in the following proportions: Conservative Party (and as many outside it) were scandalized when R. A. Butler was passed over.

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As Patrick Buchan-Heppburn, Churchill's Chief Whip, he had great influence—not least in the early political life of Edward Heath, who was indebted to him for his first appointment in the Whips' Office in 1951 and subsequent promotion. Lord Chelmer was a man that Mr Heath's "political progress owed much to the discerning championship of Patrick Buchan-Heppburn".

City of London's dream of a community seems a long way from coming true

In 1956 Mr Duncan Sandys, then Minister of Housing and Local Government, wrote to the Lord Mayor of London about the future of the Barbican, having turned down a plan covering commercial and office development. He suggested: "A genuine residential neighbourhood incorporating schools, shops, open spaces and amenities, even if this means forgoing a more remunerative return on the land." A year later the City accepted the proposal as policy. When the new Lord Mayor reads in ceremony below the tower blocks today he might well consider how the original concept has stood the test of time.



When the first tenants came to renew the leases this year the new proposed rent for the two-bedroomed flat was £1,050. At first the City Corporation would give only three-year leases but under pressure changed this to six years, although retaining the option to raise the rent halfway through the lease.

As well as the rent, tenants pay rates—18 per cent of the 73 flats were estimated in 1972 that during the loan period the homes would cost the rates £19,500 a year and £17,000 a year for the theatre and schools. In 1974-75 the estimate for support from the rates for the Barbican was £130,000, but there have been some rebates.

The antipathy between tenants and a landlord they feel is less than receptive has now centred on the rent increases. The proposed range goes as high as an 88 per cent increase and tenants wonder if, despite public denial, the concept of a home for the city worker has been abandoned—consciously or not.

One tenant explained: "If we had known this was going to happen none of us would have moved in. I sold my house and now we are trapped because prices were not so high in those days. People came here because they were attracted by the idea but now they are moving out because they can't cope with the rents. They may be replaced by people who can pay rents but regard the Barbican as simply somewhere to sleep in."

The City Corporation says movement is small. In February the figure for tenants quitting since the first lettings, for whatever reason, was 200, and now it is said to be 300. Eight tenants have asked about leaving the Barbican by going on the ordinary housing list.

Confidential figures for mid-September showed that of 576 new flats opened in blocks between February and August only nine had been let. The reduced rate of letting will lose the city £189,000 in rents. The public figure for letting is now said to be 15 to 20 a week. In mid-September there were over 50 vacated flats empty for between six weeks and a year. The City publicly denies accusations that flats have been left empty to await the outcome of the rent freeze. But among the reasons given for the 50 flats was according to the report with the figures "a freeze in letting pending clarification of the counter-inflation order."

It might be easier for tenants to resolve their fears about the future if communication was more immediate than consultation between the Court of Common Council and the tenants' association. There are 10 councillors and an alderman living in the Barbican but they are banned from attending the committee as anything but observers and may not speak on financial aspects of the development in the full council.

The tenants' association has put forward the idea of a choice of leases at differing rents and a reduction in increases to help establish a settled community. They want to know why one block has rents increased by 50 per cent and others by over 70 per cent. The frustrated and worried tenants might have got some idea of what could happen if they listened all those years ago to the debate on the Barbican plan by the City councillors. On September 17, 1957, the court fought over the plan but the critics were told that if the cost had to be adjusted the rents would go up.

The building delays put the project back five years. Revenue was lost at a time when interest rates began to rise. Faced with the tenants' irritation the City is at pains to point out that it is recovering only a third of its costs from rents. What is being charged is a "fair market rent" based on the advice of valuers.

Mr John Henderson, deputy chairman of the Barbican Committee, said: "If you are running any business you move with wind. The rents we charge are not the full economic rent which would show a small profit."

"The first tenants knew were not going into local council housing because don't create a place for the class and upper middle class anything apart from an economic basis. It is really the law supply and demand."

He is prepared to admit things might have been better offices on the edge of estates had been brought off-set some of the cost. Work began there could be changes in the plans but different phases were built at the same time.

Even at a fair market rent, the increases are hitting hard. What is left of the common Mr Henderson said: "The corporation provides in the of accommodation does really affect what people do to who live there. I think you can rightfully be a community. It is up to body to interpret."

Perhaps the Barbican colours will get their chance speak, but Mr Henderson lives in North London. "No Barbican resident who Common Councillor can say more in the committee do."

There is some optimism when the 300,000 square ft warehousing is let this will matter and so will the fierce hall which is part area centre. When all the are let the situation is expected to improve.

But to quote Mr Henderson: "It will be a long time before we see a community. There is an element of spin about the whole in the sense that some might have confused the spin with other forms of housing and the local government. The other hand did the City itself over what was created?"

Could it expect to create a community which was prepared to stay? Both sides might pool unlikely prophecy of Sir I. Scott in *The Fair Maid of Windsor*. "Down seem to abstain longer than usual occupying her eastern can."

Stewart Ter

John Milton: A view of another paradise in the poet's political prose

Think of John Milton and you recall *Paradise Lost*, learning by heart and classroom recitation of the faultless and apparently endless lines of heroic verse: *Of man's first disobedience, and the fruit of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste brought death into the world, and all our woe, With loss of Eden, till one greater Man Restore us, and regain the blissful seat, Sing, Heavenly Muse...*

Though the poem was regarded by Milton himself as the culmination of his work and is indeed the highest jewel in his literary crown, it represents to me only the silhouette of a man who in an age of strife and repression helped to lay the foundations of the freedoms we hold so dear today.

Milton, who died 300 years ago this week, was what might be called a community writer, passionately interested in the social, political and religious upheavals of his day. He wrote not merely to state his own position in the hope that it might influence others but actually to urge his fellow men to fight for the dignity which he believed was their birthright and the root of their nature.

and he almost fell into the trap of advocating "freedom by order". John Milton was born in London on December 9, 1608, the son of a scrivener (law writer) and money broker who was also an accomplished musician and an associate of some of the leading composers of the time.

Although there were Roman Catholic ancestors on his father's side, there is little doubt that Milton grew up in the Puritan faith which he later embraced so fiercely. The boy was educated at St. Paul's School and Christ's College, Cambridge, apparently intending to enter the church. But his main interest lay in literature and the pursuit of knowledge, and after taking his MA degree he settled in his father's country house at Horton, Buckinghamshire, and devoted himself to the study of Greek and Latin authors, as well as music and mathematics.

He had begun to write poetry at Cambridge, including his beautiful ode *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*, and probably the famous lyrics *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso*. During six years at Horton he composed the two works considered the masterpieces of his youth: *Comus*, a masque depicting the triumph of virtue over evil which was performed at Ludlow Castle in 1634, and *Lycidas*, arguably the finest elegy ever written in English.



the religious controversy of the day, supporting the Presbyterian cause. It is through his political writings that the full force of Milton's personality can be seen. Freed from the self-imposed disciplines of his poetry, he gives vent to his abounding enthusiasm and vitality and even to his sense of humour.

By 1641 the Long Parliament had impeached Archbishop Laud and there were plans afoot to abolish the episcopacy; Milton swept to the attack with a pamphlet *Of Reformation Touching Church-Discipline in England*, in which he compared the Anglican bishops to wolves, praying on the community.

This was followed by four more religious tracts, some in answer to savage criticism of the controversy raged and the Civil War drew nearer. It was shortly after the outbreak of war in 1642 that Milton married for the first time and this led to a series of pamphlets with peculiar relevance to today. His wife, Mary Powell, left him after only a month and Milton was moved to crusade against the divorce laws, though it must be admitted that his stance on this subject was as much a part of his general scheme of liberty as it was occasioned by personal circumstances. Here Milton was putting himself outside strict Puritan discipline, and opposition arose on all sides.

In *The Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce* Milton interpreted the judgments of Moses and Jesus on the circumstances in which divorce might be permitted and suggested that no man should be tied to a wife who did not fulfil the role of helpmeet as ordained by God. He wrote of "The Ignorance and Iniquity of Canon-law, providing for the Right of the Body in Marriage, but nothing for the Wrongs and Grievances of the Mind"; that "sometimes Continence in Marriage may be evidently the Shortening or Endangering of Life to either Party" and that Marriage is not a mere casual Colton, but a human Society; whose terms cannot reasonably be had, there can be no true Matrimony. This period also saw Milton turning his attention to the freedom of the press, in response to an Order of Parliament licensing printing. In what has been described as the classic plea for press freedom, he wrote: "If we think to regulate printing, thereby to rectify manners, we must regulate all recreations and pastimes, all that is delightful to man. No music must be heard, no song be set or sung, but what is grave and Doric. There must be licensing dancers, that no gesture, motion, or deportment be taught or taught but what by their allowance shall be thought honest..."

Ionesco's Welsh awakening

There were some spluttered annoyance when the Welsh Council for the Arts awarded a £1,000 international prize to Eugene Ionesco, controversial French writer one of the architects of the so-called "theatre of the absurd". It seemed to a few that good Welsh money might have been used to struggling to bring a new highbrow literature of Wales to the attention of the world. The counter argument, ever, has silenced most critics. The prize is less than 1 per cent of the Welsh Council's yearly spend on literature. It is a good vantage point for writers of international repute in Wales for the examination.

It increases awareness; it introduces a public to the writer as writer carries the word. Wales to a wider public. Thus Ionesco is in Wales two weeks, and, having left at each other warily at mutual exploration, Ionesco who is 62, came with an impression that Wales was a mountainous home of Arthur and Merlin; no knows much more of its writers and landscape.

His appearances at festivals, at discussions, at receptions, television interviews, have made his large, expressive face and sardonic humour almost a trademark. He is best known in Wales as *Rhinoceros*—admirer of him, but not of his rhinos—his visit to Wales, introducing his other plays, essays and Ionesco has submitted intensive cross-examination discussion meetings. He is an anguished man, afraid of death, unable to believe in much, unable to believe in human existence, a series of unhappy jobs attracts many questions, the obscure or impossible answer.

He talks of the influence of his work, and especially of *Waiting for Godot* and *The Lesson*. "I don't like" and about physics, an invented describing a kind of nihilism whose adherents "up almost everything. He got the hunting fever, the only of the only English he knew. "One, two, three, four, five, seven, eight, nine, ten." waiter seemed baffled by the encounter with the creator of the theatre of the absurd. Ionesco, however, will probably see in the incident no kind of meaning.

Charles Barrow

Trevor Fishlo

A-hunting they will go because 'it's damn good fun'

Sportsview

Between now and next March around two million people will ride to hounds many for the first time. The rapidly rising costs of this traditional English country sport do not seem to have deterred anyone from committing themselves to the new season.

keep of a horse the extras to go hunting seem pretty insignificant. Hunt subscriptions vary greatly depending on the hunt. The Old Surrey and Burstow for example charge £88 full subscription for the season plus an additional wire charge, which helps towards the costs of repairing damage. This is about £2 a meeting. On the other side of London the Vale of Aylesbury charge £134 for the season plus the additional wire charge. The latter, however, hunt three days a week, as opposed to the Old Surrey and Burstow's two. The Vale of Aylesbury also hunts two packs of hounds on a Saturday.

This latter point gives some indication of the numbers hunts are having to cope with. Many, including the two mentioned, used to open their doors fairly regularly to visitors who wanted to hunt on the odd day and pay a "cap"—a fee for a day's hunting. Now they are having to refuse by limiting the number of visitors' days to half a dozen or less throughout the season. On the days you can hunt as a visitor it is unlikely that the cap will be much under £10, although in the Vale of Aylesbury charges £5 on its less busy days.

was at a time when the cost of keeping the animal was fairly reasonable. Today, not only is that same animal probably worth less, in some cases half the original price, but the cost of keeping it has rocketed.

The reason for this according to Lt-Col John Chamberlayne, secretary of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, is the serious state of the beef and dairy markets which have led farmers to build onto their cattle in recent months. Accordingly the fodder that is available has to be shared among a greater number of animals, and owing to the wet harvest there is less hay, straw and corn about anyway. Hay that was between £10 and £12 a ton straight from the field three years ago is now costing anything from £50 upwards.

Three years ago Patsy Richardson charged £9 a week full livery for a hunter. Today she is charging £16. Additionally, she is buying, which was £3.50, is now £5, and the other costs such as veterinary fees, clothing, tack, and transport have spiralled.

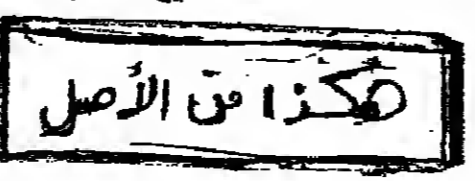
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There will be many newcomers to the hunting field this winter. Most will own their horses, but if present economic trends continue one wonders whether the boom for the hired hunter market is just around the corner. They say if you've got the hunting fever, the love of horses, hounds and the sound of the Master's horn—you'll pay gladly—and bow!

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FREEDOM OF WORSHIP AND DOCTRINE

Thursday the Archbishop of Canterbury will introduce in the House of Lords the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure...

ment is exclusively Anglican or even conspicuously godfearing? The Measure in effect makes permanent the temporary powers which the Church of England was granted in 1965 to authorize the use of forms of service other than those prescribed in the 1662 Prayer Book...

Church of England and a particular dread of clericalism, positively like parliamentary supervision. Rather more want to be rid of it, and yet do not have enough confidence in the new Synod to be bappy about the timing and precise form of the grant of independence...

The Clay Cross disqualifications

From Mr Muir Hunter, QC Sir, In connection with the current debate on the projected statute for the annulment of the disqualification of the Clay Cross councillors...

Soviet film on BBC

From Mr Winston S. Churchill, Conservative MP for Stratford Sir, Your correspondent Mr Peter Reddaway (October 26) reports the appeal by Dr Andrei Sakharov and three of his colleagues in the Soviet human rights movement to the World Council of Churches and Amnesty International to intervene before the imminent trials of Soviet Catholics and Baptists...

Ways to help the hungry nations

From the Bishop of Norwich Sir, Thank you for your vivid references to the serious possibility of world starvation. Your report (November 7) on Mr Peart's response to the problem makes sad reading, however...

Private patients in NHS

From Mr Leslie Huxford, Labour MP for Nuneaton Sir, In his letter of November 5, Dr David Pyke makes the now customary misleading reference to payments in National Health Service hospitals being only 1 per cent...

Conservatives and class politics

From Mr Kenneth Lewis, Conservative MP for Rutland and Stamford Sir, Leaders of the Conservative Party can so often get themselves into trouble when they make speeches which include comments on "class" within the community...

THE TWILIGHT OF THE SOUTH ASIAN GUERRILLAS

The story was told during the Malay "emergency" twenty years ago of a British military unit picking its way through the dense jungles of the Malay Peninsula...

so long and with such little success tried to present itself as a national revolutionary movement. That the split movement will gain any more success or win any more recruits seems doubtful...

goings on in remote parts of the country. Where these guerrillas are also unhappy minorities a new government in Bangkok may be expected to handle them with more finesse...

Compulsory seat belts

Lord Porritt It is welcome news to hear that the question of the compulsory wearing of seat belts is to be raised again in Parliament...

dividual states of the Commonwealth is already showing something like a 15 per cent fall in road deaths; New Zealand, where compulsory legislation was introduced two years ago, already shows a 10 per cent reduction in fatal accidents...

Honey from road verges

From Mr Lawrence D. Hills Sir, In view of the "Sugar blockades" and the creching of the world price that must be reflected eventually in our shops...

Reform of rating

From Mr Lloyd Harrington Sir, Your leading article "Rating falling into disrepair" (November 4) made two points. For the foreseeable future public services will continue to be funded by a combination of rates and tax in the next two or three years at least...

System of tied cottages

From Mr R. W. Trumper Sir, I write as a retired Land Agent with over 40 years of experience in managing agricultural estates to support the arguments in Mr Gummill's letter (November 2). In my view it is vital for the job satisfaction of employees to be able to have a cottage provided for them close at hand to their work...

Clergy stipends

From the Reverend M. R. A. Wilson Sir, With regard to the correspondence on clergy stipends on November 5, I should think the last thing the clergy need is a professional body to protect their interests...

From Mr Stephen E. A. Green

Sir, Clergy stipends remain nominally low yet I was reading only the other day that a few clerics in an ever so many of those whose deeds are recorded in the Dictionary of National Biography 1941-1950 had a clerical income...

From Miss Esther Williams

Sir, Two cheers for Mr Heath's determination not to resign his leadership of the Tory Party, though I have little admiration and no affection for him...

From Mr Ian T. Morison

Sir, There is a very high degree of certainty that the British Airways pilot will get us to our destination. Yours faithfully, IAN T. MORISON, 34 Choumert Square, SE15

A simplistic question

From Mr Richard Sachs Sir, Simplistic is to simple as realistic is to real. The difference is real, and simple. Yours truly, RICHARD SACHS, Flat 9, 8 The Paragon, SE3, November 8.

Impressive record of Blue helped changed weights

By Phillips Correspondent... The standard set in 1960 Mackeson Gold Cup was...



Turnell: Bruslee suits him well

...last 13 months he has four steeplechases... Today the fifteenth run...

...She looks heavier and rounder than when I last saw her... She looks like a champion...

France to dominate International

From David Hedges Laurel, Nov 8... No country in the history of the Washington DC International has ever provided the first three horses...

Golden Doo, the third American runner, was only fourth to Dahlia in the Man-of-War Stakes...

Pitman unable to ride Crisp after fall

Richard Pitman cracked a collar bone when he fell from his mount in the Willis Premier Steeplechase...

Disappointment for punters in Hopeful Hurdle

An error by the judge at Doncaster yesterday resulted in the Tote and betting shops paying out on the wrong fourth place in the Hopeful Hurdle...

Easy Regent to win again

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Football

Derby have to uphold a tradition that Book is happier without

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Having overstepped the difficult hurdle of Atletico Madrid...

in Belgium; they are a goal up after the first game. Twente, of Enschede, who put out Ipswich Town, made the Czechoslovak army side, Dukla Prague...

open the championship race to several other clubs who at the start of the season might have been considered outsiders. Any one of 10 teams could win the title...

Tennis

Lewis extends his variety of conquests

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
The Dewar tennis circuit has maintained its reputation for revealing some new stars...

wanted to see more of him. At that time he was a talented and enthusiastic all-round sportsman...

long since lost the excitement of new discoveries. Miss Wade yesterday beat Mima Jausovec for one place in the final...

Cricket

MCC find the young can be very trying

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne, Nov 8
After dismissing Redpath for only one at the start of their match against Victoria...

Wembley Siddiman and Bright supplied the best entertainment. There was some agile fielding by Lloyd and by Luckhurst...

Of the Victorian batsman Sillman put one in mind of Davison, of Leicestershire...

and Baldry was the cause. It is early yet to say anything much about the umpires...

Rugby Union

Skilful boot could continue Munster habit

From Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Limerick, Nov 8
A slimmer Barry McGann, who is said to have lost a couple of stones in weight...

was fully fit for another training period that wore, by current home standards, a distinctly haphazard look...

another to survive the thorough workout conducted by Tom Nierman. A recent convert, like Keane...

Good club matches and queuing in all parts

By Gordon Allan
In the south-west and north, the county championship is in the south-east, the national knockout competition...

Hockey

Surrey again draw deeply from wells of experience

By Sydney Friskin
A close look at the hockey fixtures suggests a crucial weekend for some teams engaged in the county championship...

der Lal, a Kenyan international who played in the first World Cup at Barcelona...

Show jumping

Murphy highest in American puissance event

New York, Nov 8.—An American, Dennis Murphy, riding Do Right, won the puissance competition at the national horse show...

Yachting

Pumping and sculling give good airing by IYRU

By John Nicholls
Yesterday's meeting of the permanent committee brought to close the annual gathering in London of the International Yacht Racing Union...

The Mappin plan for Wimbledon

By Rex Bellamy
The trouble with people who make silly mistakes is that they sometimes carry them out, rather than backing down...

popular, respected, and influential figure in British tennis. All this seemed improbable when, under-21 championship unseeded...

swinger of the lot. Not the least of Miss Mappin's virtues is her ability to "muck in"...

Weekend fixtures

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Scottish second division

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CCPR discuss sponsorship

Hard on the heels of the news that major sport events were to lose thousands of pounds of sponsorship...

money given to sports by governments. The commercial sponsor needs to be better dealt. I am convinced that the CCPR must be given to those whose money keeps sport alive...

Previous attempts to stage the bout have been snuffed by McAlinden breaking a thumb and also catching influenza...

Boxing

Third delay to McAlinden and Johnson

Danny McAlinden's ill-fated British heavyweight championship bout with Eric Price has been postponed for the third time...

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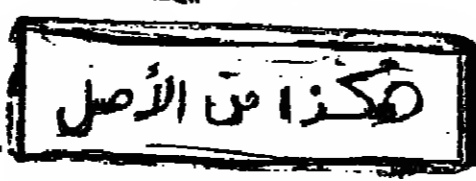
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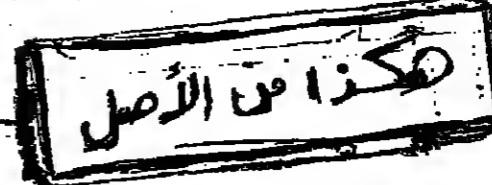
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Investment bank likely to become reality in Budget speech

Mr Goodrick-Clarke, Secretary of State for Industry, said today that a new investment bank will be announced in the Budget speech on November 11.

The bank, which will be funded by the Government, will be set up to provide medium-term finance for the private sector. It will be a new institution, distinct from the existing National Enterprise Board and the Industrial Development Corporation.

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Nation Life situation 'a complete muddle'

By Margaret Stone

After five months of suspense the 30,000 policyholders of the failed Nation Life Insurance Company have received a progress report from the liquidator, Mr Gerard Weiss. "It is not encouraging," he said.

The investigations have revealed that the situation is far from clear-cut, and it now appears that several matters will first have to be resolved by the courts before there is any hope of a rescue operation being mounted by the insurance industry.

Without direction from the courts, it is not yet possible to say whether the company will be able to pay either death or income benefits.

It has been an open secret that for some time the accounts examining Nation Life's affairs were having difficulty in putting a fair valuation on the company's assets.

"The situation is a complete muddle," Mr Weiss said last night. "The accounts have emerged now on the property bond side."

The assumption that claims by the property bondholders are self-balancing against the value of the properties allocated to the bond is now in doubt.

The difficulty arises in that the 1958 Insurance Companies Act was drafted before the emergence of property bonds and there is no effective legislation to cover them in the present situation.

Mr Weiss is also having difficulty with the 1973 Insurers Companies Amendment Act in respect of the liquidation of the insurance company.

The regulations under this part of the Act are still being prepared so once again the actual path that anyone can take in the present situation is unclear.

Meanwhile the assets of the company are being administered with actuarial requirements in mind on the assumption that the company will be taken over as a going concern. This action could well be jeopardising the capital values if, as it turns out, the company does have to be finally liquidated.

Urgent talks have been called with both the Government and industry in an attempt to resolve some of these doubts and the legal delays they imply. But unless they are successful "there would appear to be no early prospect of a satisfactory solution," Mr Weiss says.

Small Heath men heckle Mr Benn on aid to Meriden cooperative

By Edward Townsend

Clear signs of hostility from workers at Norton Villiers Triumph's Small Heath factory in Birmingham are threatening the success of the government-backed workers' cooperative at NVT's Meriden motor cycle works.

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NatWest investigates Sindona allegation

International Westminster Bank, a subsidiary of National Westminster Bank, has begun a full scale inquiry into claims reported to have been made by the former financial tycoon Signor Michele Sindona. He is contending the liquidation of his Banca Privata Italiana.

According to the Milan newspaper *Panorama*, and the Italian magazine *Corriere della Sera*, Signor Sindona is arguing that his bank had simply carried out foreign exchange operations for a British bank, alleged to be International Westminster.

He apparently maintains that it was clearly understood that certain foreign exchange operations would take place at the bank's total risk. The newspaper claims to have documents and letters setting all this out.

Mr Henry Excell, treasurer of International Westminster, is supervising the investigation, and—perhaps mindful of the way Lloyd's Bank discovered big foreign exchange losses at its Geneva branch—hopes to make a report by the middle of next week. Meanwhile the bank is withholding comment as it collects full texts of Signor Sindona's arguments.

This is perfectly understandable. Interest in the case carries on over the world and it would not be surprising if the Sindona name cropped up somewhere along the line.

1000 to be laid off by French

By Charles Hargrove

French Government's plan threatens to succeed in leading a company in the cotton industry to a slow-down of business.

The plan, which is being implemented by the Government, involves the laying off of 1,000 workers in the cotton industry. This is part of a broader strategy to reduce the government's budget deficit.

The affected companies are beginning to feel the pinch, and some are already reporting a decline in production. The government is hoping that this will lead to a more efficient industry in the long run.

Citibank prime rates down again to 10 1/2 pc

From Frank Vogl, Washington, Nov 8

First National City Bank and First National Bank of Chicago have cut their prime lending rates to 10 1/2 per cent from 10 3/4 per cent, effective from Tuesday.

These reductions were widely expected in view of the easier monetary policies now being pursued by the Federal Reserve System. Bankers believe further reductions in interest rates will be seen over the next few weeks.

While the Fed is moving to counter the deepening recession, there were indications today that the White House may ease its tough budget stand.

Mr Roy Ash, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, said today that the current year's budget, which starts next July, will still result in a possible deficit of about \$5,000 million.

President Ford has repeatedly said that the fiscal 1976 budget will be balanced, but today Mr Ash refused to make such a commitment, noting only that "we have to move towards a balanced budget."

Tax load blamed for investment slowdown

By Ronald Kershaw, Northern Industrial Correspondent

Dr F. E. Jones, chairman of the mechanical engineering industry, said today that the primary cause of the investment slowdown in the industry was the tax load imposed by the Government.

The increase in what investment there was each year was abysmal compared with either Germany, Japan or the United States.

Dr Jones told guests at the annual lunch of the Yorkshire and Humberside region of the Engineering Industries' Association that the basic cause of the divergence in investment was the total tax load on the industry imposed by the Government.

It came out as about twice that imposed on the Japanese industry and over one-third that imposed on Germany.

He produced figures showing that the total direct tax load was now about 40 per cent of added value, and this came to an average of £1,000 an employee or a total of £1,000m for the mechanical engineering industry as a whole.

Employers say building industry could face its worst slump since the Thirties

By Patricia Tisdall

A warning that the building industry may be about to experience the worst slump since the 1930s was issued last night by Mr Roger Foster, president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers.

Mr Foster urged the Government to take urgent measures to stimulate both public and private building sectors.

He said that the industry had fallen in real terms by some 40 per cent since spring 1973, he said. "Unemployment in the industry now stands at well over 100,000 nationally and this could easily treble by spring of next year."

Mr Foster's predictions followed the release of the latest house building figures by the Department of the Environment. These showed that the number of private houses started to be built in September was the worst for over 20 years.

Industry experts believe that even the extremely low forecast of 125,000 starts overall for the whole of the year predicted earlier this year by the DoE will not be reached.

Builders are reluctant to take on new commitments when there are up to 40,000 houses remaining unsold. To ease matters the trade wants the Government at least to sanction more public sector orders for new work.

Unless this is done, they say, hundreds of building companies will face bankruptcy.

More cash for Rolls shareholders

By John Whitmore

Money recovered by shareholders in the old Rolls-Royce company looks as if it could amount to as much as £8m a share, or some £3m in total.

This latest indication is given in the annual report of the joint liquidators of the company and compares with an estimate this time last year of an eventual recovery of some £1p a share.

The main factor that has enabled the upgrading of the amount likely to become available to shareholders has been the favourable settlement over the past year of a number of creditors' claims, particularly a number of damage claims that had previously been the subject of dispute.

In the light of these settlements, and after writing back the allowance for contingent claims, the liquidators have been able to reduce the estimated total value of unsecured creditors' claims from £137.4m to £127m.

This raises the surplus available to stockholders from £25.9m to £38.2m of which £22.5m—representing 35p a share—has already been paid out.

The size and timing of the next payment is not announced in the liquidators' report but will be revealed at the annual meeting on December 9.

From August 15, 1971, to October 5, 1974, the receiver and joint liquidators have earned net income of over £20m (for the benefit of creditors and shareholders) on the money they were able to realize.

Pan Am and TWA to modify route changes

Spokesmen for Pan American and Trans World Airlines said yesterday that two companies planned further talks over the way they intend to modify their massive route exchange agreement before proceeding further.

The discussions result from a Civil Aeronautics Board procedural action late on Wednesday in which the board indicated its desire that a controversial portion of the route exchange agreement should be dropped.

The last hour of the trading yesterday in the equity market was highlighted by speculative buying of gold shares by both London and United States investors, following a record \$184 1/2 close in the bullion price. Gold shares quickly resumed an earlier rise, and closed with gains ranging to £2 and more in the heavier priced stock.

The FT index closed 0.1 up at 191.4, and *The Times* index 0.46 down at 74.72.

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American coal strike fixed but expected to be brief

From Our US Economics Correspondent, Washington, Nov 8

A national strike by miners, closing more than 70 per cent of America's coal mines, is to start next Tuesday. But the stoppage could well be a short one. Coal industry leaders now state that the prospects are good for agreement on a three-year labour contract being settled this weekend.

The strike involves 125,000 miners, who have a tradition of not working when a valid labour contract does not exist. Mr Arnold Miller, president of the United Mine Workers' Union, said that a strike was a foregone conclusion.

The union estimates it will take about nine days for a ballot to be held among its members on any new contract. The present contract expires at midnight on Monday.

Mr Guy Farmer, the chief spokesman for the coal industry employers, said that a few major issues had yet to be settled for the new contract, including pay grievances arbitration. But he predicted that these matters could be resolved late on Sunday.

Ford Australia lays off over 500 workers

Sydney, Nov 8.—Ford Motor Company of Australia announced today that it is laying off 450 employees at its Homebush assembly plant in Sydney and 63 employees at its Geelong, Victoria, factory because of declining sales of light cars. The lay-offs take effect immediately.

Production at the Homebush plant, which makes Corinas and Escorts, will drop from 102 to 56 vehicles a day.

A company spokesman said Ford did not expect any further lay-offs among its 14,000 employees at four plants in Australia.—AP/Dow Jones.

Vauxhall Viva heads UK car sales but imports take record share of market

By David Young

Vauxhall's Viva was the biggest seller in the depressed October car market, the latest car sales figures issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders reveal. This is the first time that a Vauxhall model has been the top seller.

During October total car sales were 18 per cent down and imports took a record share of sales, taking their market share to 28.3 per cent in September compared with 20.8 per cent.

The Viva with 7,790 sales was followed by British Leyland's Mini with 6,099 sales, Leyland's Marina with 5,744 sales, Ford's Cortina with 5,675 sales and the Hillman Avenger with 4,949 sales.

October car stocks are normally low following the summer holidays, and strikes at both Ford and British Leyland resulted in a severe production cut. All production at Ford was halted for three weeks during the month and 40,000 cars were lost.

The figures show that Ford's market share dropped from 21.2 per cent in September to 15.4 per cent and British Leyland's penetration fell from 34.7 per cent to 30.8 per cent.

Both Vauxhall and Chrysler saw their market shares rise respectively from 6.7 per cent to 10.4 per cent and from 8.7 per cent to 9.4 per cent.

Volkswagen-Audi and Datsun were the leading importers, and although importers increased their market share during October, the market penetration over the year as a whole is down on the same period in 1973, from 27.4 per cent to 27.1 per cent.

Vauxhall said yesterday that its market share was the best since August 1971, and that during October the company also exported more cars and trucks than in any month for three years.

The Viva's popularity can be attributed to availability and the car's fuel economy.

British Gas now evaluating Irish Sea wells

British Gas has completed a second well on the gasfield in the Irish Sea, 20 miles off the Lancashire coast, but is not commenting on industry speculation that the well was dry.

The corporation said it had released the jack-up rig offshore Mercury and is evaluating the information gained from the two-hole programme. There were no plans as yet for a third bore.

If industry reports that the well on block 110/7 is dry prove correct, it will mean that the gas bearing structure does not extend as far south as the corporation had hoped.

North Sea wells: Forty-eight exploration and appraisal wells were drilled in the North Sea for oil and gas during 1973 compared with 24 in the previous year.

How the markets moved

Rises		Falls	
Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
Brown	15p to 390p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
E. Dreyfus	30p to 990p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
GKN	2p to 145p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
Mullins W.	2p to 14p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
Mixconcrete	3p to 33p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
Middle Wits	35p to 410p	Anglo Am Corp	20p to 410p
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THE POUND

Bank	buys	sells
Australia \$	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	44.25	42.25
Belgium Fr	91.25	88.50
Canada	2.36	2.31
Denmark Kr	14.15	13.75
Finland Mk	9.00	8.75
France Fr	11.15	10.85
Germany DM	6.05	5.85
Greece Dr	73.50	70.50
Hongkong \$	11.90	11.55
Italy L.	1655.00	1585.00
Japan Yn	720.00	705.00
Netherlands Gld	6.25	6.05
Norway Kr	13.05	12.70
Portugal Esc	63.00	60.50
S Africa Rd	137.50	132.50
Spain Ptas	16.75	16.35
Sweden Kr	10.35	10.05
Switzerland Fr	6.25	6.05
US \$	2.39	2.34
Yugoslavia Dnr	43.00	40.75

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Selling a house in today's market conditions is hard work. After a succession of prospective viewers but no firm offers, the vendor will probably take steps to extend his net by asking another firm of estate agents to put his house on their books, too.

down in favour of a better offer introduced through another firm of estate agents, which also received commission, of course.

Insurance

The impact of inflation on your life policies

An argument being heard more frequently is that there is little point in saving, because, with inflation at its present level, it is impossible for anyone paying tax to preserve the purchasing power of his savings.

are investment situation is much less relevant and one has to think of the prospects for investments to be made over a period in the future.

that of the liabilities, any change in the market rate of interest is likely to have the same effect on both assets and liabilities. Thus, it will have little effect on the financial strength of the office.

In February, a paper was presented to the Institute of Actuaries' Students' Society, using previously published benefits paid in 1973 under the profit-sharing policies of different companies for the same annual premium.

Generally speaking, during 1974, there have been no reductions in dividends from equity shares or rents from properties; overall, there has been some increase.

Further, market expectations as to the future growth of dividends from shares and rents from properties, as signified by the reverse yield gap, have not changed.

National Savings

Volunteer workers in search of an alternative to the stamp

The decision to phase out the 10p National Savings stamp has caused heartache throughout the entire voluntary workforce of the National Savings movement.



Mrs Elsa Perkins: starting people on the savings habit.

"We are not hooked on the stamp for the sake of the stamp," Mrs Perkins says, "only we can't see how the community side is going to be able to survive without the stamp unless someone comes up with a brilliant alternative."

But each new suggestion has been squashed because of the severe administrative inconveniences they impose either upon the savings movement or the Post Office.

Pensions

Needed: a non-partisan package

Occupational pension schemes have wasted a lot of time and effort in recent years trying to adapt themselves to a succession of state schemes, each with its own requirements and implications for occupational schemes.

risk yet another abortive attempt to introduce a new pattern of provision for old age, and perhaps add a further four years to the decade or more so far wasted in playing politics with pensions?

proposals are enacted without modification. The alternative—to make the present scheme acceptable to a majority of the community—is also politically very difficult but not necessarily impossible.

on benefits for existing pensioners. Every scheme contracted out, then, reduces the resources available to pay pensions now and thus increases the contribution rate required at present.

At least this election might have been expected to settle the matter at long last. Both parties have experienced failure to implement their schemes because an election supervened.

There are two ways in which this appalling prospect could be avoided. One is to abandon the present controversial proposals and introduce an improved flat rate structure—a start could be made on this next April.

What is more significant, it is the present generation which is devising the scheme with this feature and effectively writing itself a fat cheque drawn on the future working population.

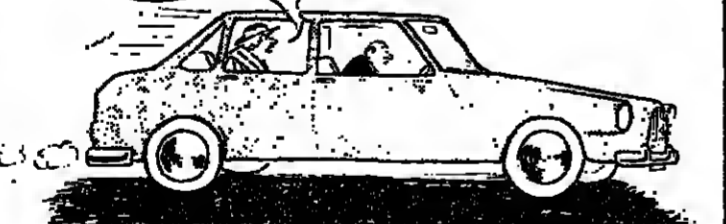
To encourage sufficient schemes to contract out, the Government will have to modify its conditions in some respects. The most serious discouragement as things stand is that employers are being asked to take financial risks associated with inflation.

Motor insurance

Why aren't drivers told the cost of a settlement?

All too often in insurance it seems as if there is one rule for the policyholder and another for the insurers.

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... or the fact that somebody else is likely to be driving the car quite regularly.

On the claims side, all insurers need prompt information. Generally, written notification of an accident has to be given to the insurers within a specified period.

view, it is better to band over everything to the insurance company and to let it act in your name—since it will be meaning the cost of the claim.

payment of £75, instead of, say, £10 or £15. There is, however, a strong argument that policyholders should be given this information.

Unit trust performance

Table with columns for Unit Trusts, Growth and Specialist funds, and performance metrics for the year and the last three years. Includes sub-sections for SPECIALIST and UNIT TRUSTS.

Table with columns for various investment funds and their performance metrics. Includes sub-sections for Drayton Fils, S & P Ebor Univ, Practical, Schroder Europe, Jessel Plagiaton, and others.

Taxation

Dividends versus scrip options

Much has been written recently about the advantages of cash dividends over scrip options. Not least of the problems is the tax burden, and the dividend is levelled not only at 52 per cent rate, but at a speed with which the tax has to be met.

The rub lies in the attaching to the parent dividends. Each time a company pays a cash dividend it also pays to the Inland Revenue corporation tax in advance of its final liability.

This payment is technically known as an advance corporation tax (commonly abbreviated ACT) and the rate laid for the present year is 33 per cent of the dividend paid to shareholders.

On the dividend vouchers ordinary shares the 33 per cent referred to as a "tax credit" as for those whose arithmetic as bad as mine, let us say a dividend of £6,700 is paid to holders. It must, in fact, pay £3,300 (33/67ths of £6,700) to the Inland Revenue.

So, using the above if a £6,700 dividend is paid during the present tax year, £3,300 (that is, 33 per cent of £6,700) must be paid to Inland Revenue.

Granted the £4,950 is liable from the company's net profits have been taxed, but to the merchant cash has to be found.

It is widely expected that extra 50 per cent will be abolished in the Budget, but the fact remains that there is a cash outflow each dividend is paid.

It is the need to consider that accounts for the trend of companies to choose scrip dividends over cash dividends. In the form of cash, appropriate equivalent form of stocks or shares, shareholder accepts a dividend of the company's cash and the dividend is subject to corporation tax at 50 per cent surcharge.

for a scrip dividend or cash tax consequences deserve much consideration as the element involved in going larger stake in the company. Those with low income have unused personal allowances and relief, or losses. In such a case, would be an immediate dividend in taking a cash dividend rather than scrip in that the element of the basic rate tax is cleared.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Dividends scrip options

Dividends scrip options... just over a year since... Week was launched...

should be taking steps to make... the best use of what is probably...

Export successes by Teacher's bring 75pc leap in profits

By David Moxit... Although rather exceptional... in nature an encouraging boost...

Two FMC directors now back takeover

By Adrienne Gleeson... The efforts of the NFU Development Trust to take over...

Issues & Loans Unit-of-account loan for Oslo

The city of Oslo will float a 12m to 15m unit-of-account, 10 per cent, seven-year loan...

The \$15m 10 per cent Caisse Central de Cooperation Economique loan at par is also fully placed...

Bond rates cut... Frankfurt, Nov 8.—The Federal Bank said today it has cut the selling rate on its non-interest bearing Federal Government and Post Office bonds...

Buyers starting to nibble at housing land

By Our Financial Staff... Against the general gloomy pattern of comment on the outlook for the housing market...



Mr Isidore Walton, chairman of Scottish Metropolitan Property.

continues to be one of investing in first-class properties in prime positions... writes Mr Isidore Walton in his review.

J rights • Two new portfolios

Equity market was led by easing of price and margin controls... but in this particular case the expectation is for selective rather than blanket changes in the rules.

Stock markets Gold shares jump on record price for bullion

The last day of the pre-Budget trading account in equities was featured last night by a late burst of speculative buying...

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Ord, Year, Div, Dividend, Prev, Dividend, Prev. Lists dividends for various companies like Adiance Inv, Brit Elec Controls, etc.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns: Issue, Bid, Offer. Lists Eurobond prices for various issues like American Motors, American Medical, etc.

holders in Commercial Union were doubtless astonished... the company announced in late September that it was giving a £62m rights issue.

Clifford's Dairies down again

The first six months of this year did not provide Clifford's Dairies, suppliers to the Home Counties, with any relief from the problems prevailing in 1973...

Caroni turn sugar loss into profit of £2.6m

The dramatic volte-face in the fortunes of sugar producers in the past year is particularly illustrated in the full year's results of Caroni, the West Indian sugar planters, controlled by the Trinidad and Tobago governments...

Ault & Wiborg expansion

The London-based Ault & Wiborg Group, makers of printing inks, paints and coatings, has agreed to acquire Warwick Chemical (Yorkshire) from the N.V. York-based Sun Chemical Corporation...

Henry Thornton

Henry Thornton vowed on his birthday, just over two years ago, that he would at his financial affairs in that there was anything to worry about on the horizon...

LAGs slice £3.3m off Jessel stake

After a firm opening half when profits improved from £2.06m to £2.1m, things for London, Australian & General Exploration became somewhat awry in the full term to June 30...

Receiver sought for Land & House offshoot

The board of the Land and House Property Corporation said yesterday that it had given instructions for the appointment of a receiver for its Australian subsidiary...

Watney Belgium chief removed

Grand Metropolitan Ltd announces the employment of M Jacques Lacroix, managing director of Watney Belgium SA, has been terminated without notice or compensation.

Bill Taylor

Back from West Africa, Bill Taylor is finding the climate in this country a little cooler than he expected. And as a geologist with one of the multi-national mining firms...

Executex Clothes

Incurring a trading loss of £98,000 against one of £11,000 in the preceding year, Executex Clothes has diminished the slide into the red in the first half of 1974...

Gold Cross shareholder speaks up

Mr J. D. Baars, a shareholder in Gold Cross Hospital Supplies, which has received a bid from the United States group, G. D. Searle, has written to the other shareholders...

SWISS REINSURANCE

Net income for year to June 30, 85m francs (82m francs). Group gross premium income 3,361m francs (3,154m francs).

Briefly

G. F. LOVELL & CO. Turnover for half-year to June 30, £1.25m (1973, £0.9m) and pre-tax profit, £50,000 (£20,000). No interim payment (same).

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

Earnings a share for first nine months up from \$2.62 to \$3.11. Net income, \$32.5m (about £13.8m) against \$27.5m net sales of \$1,418m (\$1,209m).—Reuters.

FUTURA HOLDINGS

With profits for first nine months comparable with last year total board expects similar total.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Lord Stokes flays the City and sets main tasks for Mr Healey

Divestment of all the country's resources from unproductive and unproductive industry was a major part of the government's strategy for Mr Denis Healey in Tuesday's Budget, Lord Stokes, chairman of British Leyland, said in London yesterday.

Benefit from expenditure at Gomme

In the past five years, capital expenditure by Gomme Holdings, the G-plan furniture group, reached £37m, of which £13m was spent in the year in July 26. In his annual report, Mr Harry Spörborg tells shareholders that the current programme of about £500,000 is nearing completion and no further major expenditure has been planned for the next 12 months.

Overseas Australasian bank write-off

Before extraordinary items, National Bank of Australasia turns in a net profit for the year to Sept 30 up from \$146.92m to \$191.48m (about £12.5m). The items were a deduction of \$1.96m compared with a credit of \$50,000, mainly accounted for by a provision for diminution in market value of equity investments by the Custom Credit offshoot National & General Insurance.

Japan banks' interim decline

In spite of increases in revenue, two Japanese banks report lower net profits for the half-ended September 30. Fuyo Bank's net profit fell to 11.51 billion yen (£16.6m) from 15.767 billion yen a year earlier, while revenue jumped from 203.202 billion to 316.644 billion.

GR (Hldgs) edges to fresh peak

Passing the firm mark for the first time in the preceding 12 months, London-based Gannett and Ryers GR (Holdings) again improved profits in the year to June 30—but only just.

Foreign Exchange Pound declines 115 points

Conditions in foreign exchange markets were erratic. The market was fairly thin in advance of the weekend and the large number of price-making

Spot Position of Sterling

Table with columns for Market rates, Bid, Offer, and various currency pairs like New York, Amsterdam, etc.

Forward Levels

Table with columns for Bid, Offer, and various currency pairs like New York, Amsterdam, etc.

Fresh buying boosts sugar futures

Although the London daily sugar price was £20 m £30 a long ton futures moved sharply higher, particularly in late dealings. This followed fresh buying by a jobber covering prompted by a limit on movement to early New York dealings.

Commodities

High grade, cash, £3,190-96; three months, £3,190-96; settlement, £3,190-96. Cash market was 50-55 down while three months was 50-55 up. The market was nervous with jobbers trading the market which following nearly two weeks of limit up movements had at last become a free market.

Wool floor price to be maintained

The Australian Wool Corporation (AWC) intends to hold its floor prices at the present levels for all types, based on a rate of 250 cents a kilo for 21-micron wool. Mr A. Maiden, the AWC chairman, told the annual meeting of the Australian Wool Industry Conference.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing various financial instruments, their values, and performance metrics.

Money Market Rates

Table showing bank of England minimum lending rates, Treasury bills, and other market rates.

Market closures

Some United States commodity exchanges and banks in many states, including New York, will be closed on Monday in observance of Remembrance Day.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing various share indices like FTSE 100, Industrial, and others.

Comfortable day for discount houses

Expectations of a pretty comfortable day were fully justified when the London discount houses were able to balance their books without help from the Bank of England, in spite of a late Treasury selling from small surplus to small shortage.

Wall Street

New York, Nov. 8.—The New York stock market continued in optimistic mood today closing mixed on economic news.

Cocoa's new highs

New York, Nov. 8.—Cocoa futures reached new seasonal highs in the early morning session on scattered reports of a tight market.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent financial issues, their values, and interest rates.

Bank Base Rates

Table showing bank base rates for various institutions like Barclays, FNC, etc.

Canadian Prices

Table listing Canadian prices for various commodities and currencies.

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Foreign exchange.—Starting spot, £1.00 = 1.5471; three months, £1.00 = 1.5471; Canada dollar, £1.00 = 1.5471.

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PARLIAMENT, November 8, 1974

Foreign Secretary to visit African states for talks about future Rhodesian policy

House of Commons MR JAMES CALLAGHAN, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs... Since March he had intensified efforts to ensure that the international community applied sanctions honestly and effectively...

Africa itself. He hoped the world could be sucked into a mini-Vietnam, forced more and more to provide armed police and more and more aid in order to prevent the spread of violence in Rhodesia...

Accordingly (he continued) we have stepped up our sanctions surveillance effort. Sir Alec Douglas-Home has been written in declining to raise the question at the EEC foreign ministers' meeting...

The time has passed (he said) when the Rhodesian problem could be settled through negotiation between the British Government and the illegal régime alone...

Only this week there had been a meeting of customs experts from various member countries of the Community to improve methods of establishing the true origin of goods to prevent illegal exports...

It can only (he went on) come by a change of heart among white Rhodesians and the recognition by the white régime that it should share power with a black majority population which must be given real power...

Mr Smith has a problem. It will get worse year by year because the illegal régime makes its peace with Britain and the world or is replaced by a régime which has the confidence of the great majority of people in Rhodesia...

My officials (he said) have been in consultation with officials of a number of African countries. This is a fruitful path to explore and I intend it should continue...

It was in nobody's interest in that country, black or white, nor of the countries surrounding Rhodesia, that central Africa should be engulfed as it could be in a racial, armed struggle...

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